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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019 ON PAGE 215]

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. AND WE WELCOME YOU
6 TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED -- I NEED MORE COFFEE -- MEETING OF
7 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY,
8 MARCH 19TH, AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT THERE'S FOUR MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD PRESENT. AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S HERE, THE
10 COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR SERGEANT AT
11 ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. AND I'D LIKE THIS MORNING TO,
12 BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH TODAY'S AGENDA, I WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A
13 MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE 50 PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR
14 LIVES IN THE NEW ZEALAND MOSQUE ATTACKS THAT OCCURRED LAST
15 WEEK. WHY DON'T WE STAND FOR THAT MOMENT OF SILENCE? THANK
16 YOU. YOU MIGHT AS WELL REMAIN STANDING BECAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO
17 HAVE OUR INVOCATION AND OUR PLEDGE. WE WILL BE HAVING OUR
18 INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY REVEREND DR. DAVID JAMIR, THE LEAD
19 PASTOR OF THE COVINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF
20 COVINA IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE
21 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BRIAN HEYMAN, THE CONGRESSIONAL
22 LIAISON OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 270 IN THE CITY OF
23 DOWNEY IN MY DISTRICT. LET'S HAVE OUR INVOCATION.

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1 **REV. DAVID M. JAMIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND
2 GENTLEMEN AND ESPECIALLY TO MY REPRESENTATIVE BARGER FOR
3 HONORING ME TO COME AND PRAY FOR YOU THIS MORNING. INDEED, WE
4 LIVE IN A TUMULTUOUS TIME WHERE DIVISION ABOUNDS IN EVERY
5 SPHERE OF OUR LIVES. YOUR UNITY AND ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP ARE
6 CRITICAL. YOU HAVE TO RISE ABOVE EVERYTHING THAT IS TRYING TO
7 TEST US SO THAT WHAT YOU DO BECOMES MEANINGFUL IN THIS COUNTY
8 OF OURS. LET US PRAY. GOD WHO IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, LOOK
9 DOWN UPON THESE, YOUR SERVANTS, WHO HAVE COMMITTED THEIR LIVES
10 TO SERVE THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. THEY CARRY WITH THEM JOYS
11 AND WOES OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. THEY CARRY WITH THEM VISION AND
12 PASSION TO ENLIGHTEN AND EMBOLDEN THEIR COMMUNITIES. HUMBLE
13 THESE SERVANTS EVERY DAY AND IMBUE IN EACH OF THEM WITH WISDOM
14 THAT ONLY WISE GOD CAN GIVE. MAY THEY THINK CREATIVELY AND
15 COLLABORATIVELY TO UPLIFT THOSE IN NEED. MAY THEY STRIVE EACH
16 DAY TO SEE JUSTICE WHERE GREED/EXPLOITATION HAS LEFT THOUSANDS
17 HELPLESS AND HOMELESS. EVER RECONCILING GOD, WORK WITH THESE
18 COMPETENT LEADERS TO SEEK YOUR RECONCILIATION WHERE BRIDGES OF
19 HOPE HAS BECOME WALLS OF PARANOIA, WHERE RACISM HAS BLINDED
20 OUR SOULS TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS. DON'T LET THESE LEADERS SEE
21 OUR DIVERSITY AS WEAKNESS BUT AS INVITING COLOR TO FULL
22 POSSIBILITY IN THE HANDS OF THE ARTIST. I OFFER THIS PRAYER
23 AND BESEECH THEM THIS DAY TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS,
24 MINDS, AND STRENGTH AND TO LOVE THEIR NEIGHBORS WITH EQUAL
25 JUSTICE AND EQUITY. AMEN.

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2 **BRIAN HEYMAN:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR
3 HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A SALUTE AND JOIN
4 ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5 RECITED.]

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING REVEREND
8 DAVID JAMIR FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S INVOCATION. AS I TOLD
9 HIM BEFORE HE GAVE US THE INVOCATION, I SAID YOU SET THE TONE
10 FOR HOW THIS BOARD MEETING IS GOING TO GO TODAY. AND I REALLY
11 THANK YOU FOR THOSE WORDS OF WISDOM. REVEREND JAMIR WAS BORN
12 IN NAGALAND, INDIA. HE GRADUATED FROM CALCUTTA BIBLE COLLEGE
13 AND THEN WAS COMMISSIONED AS A MISSIONARY AT LARGE TO THE
14 HIMALAYAS. HE WAS ORDAINED IN THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE
15 OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN 1989. DR. JAMIR IS NOW THE
16 LEAD PASTOR AT COVINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. LAST YEAR, THIS
17 CHURCH CELEBRATED 130 YEARS OF MINISTRY. REVEREND JAMIR, THANK
18 YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING AND FOR YOUR
19 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. WE'RE PROUD OF YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US THIS MORNING
22 SERGEANT BRIAN HEYMAN, WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING.
23 SERGEANT HEYMAN IS AN AIR FORCE VETERAN WHO SERVED FROM 1974
24 TO 1978. HE'S RECEIVED THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE
25 GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD, AND THE SMALL

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1 ARMS EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON. HE'S LIVED IN THE FOURTH
2 DISTRICT FOR 20 YEARS, CURRENTLY LIVES IN DOWNEY WITH HIS WIFE
3 LYDIA. HE IS MY APPOINTEE AS A TRUSTEE OF THE DOWNEY CEMETERY
4 DISTRICT, AND HE ALSO SERVES AS THE CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON FOR
5 THE AMERICAN LEGION. ON BEHALF OF MY FOURTH DISTRICT, AND OF
6 COURSE THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
7 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, AND WE'RE SO HONORED TO HAVE YOU WITH
8 US HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL OUR
11 AGENDA.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
14 THE BOARD, TODAY'S AGENDA THERE BEGIN ON PAGE 3. SPECIAL
15 DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY
16 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS
18 ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 5 AND 6. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE
19 CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS.
20 ON ITEM 2-D, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
21 HELD. ON PAGE 5, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.
22 ITEM 1-H IS A RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
23 OF TAX-EXEMPT MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS BY
24 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
25 EXCEED 26 MILLION AND THE ISSUANCE OF THE TAXABLE MULTI-FAMILY

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1 HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL
2 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 2 MILLION TO FLORENCE FUND TO FINANCE THE
3 DEVELOPMENT OF 109-UNIT MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL HOUSE IN AN
4 UNINCORPORATED FLORENCE FIRESTONE. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT'LL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED
7 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO
8 A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 6, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE
11 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEM 1-P, SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH
13 26, 2019. ON ITEM 2, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
14 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND A MEMBER OF THE
15 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
17 HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 1-D AND 6. ON ITEM 6,
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
19 ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 1-D AND 5. ON ITEM 8,
20 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
21 ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
22 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR HAHN
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 15, A MEMBER OF THE
24 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR
25 BARGER REQUESTS THAT HER VOTE BE RECORDED AS NO. ON ITEM 17,

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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
2 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 19 AND 20, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
3 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 21, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH
5 26, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 24, A
6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
7 25, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
8 THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 60. MEMBERS OF
9 THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
10 THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM 26, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
11 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 27, THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL
12 SERVICE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS
13 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEMS 29 AND 30, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
14 REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 31, THIS INCLUDES
15 AN AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AS INDICATED ON THE
16 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON THIS ITEM, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
17 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 32, 33, 34, 35, AND
18 36, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
19 ITEMS 40, 41, 42, AND 43, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
20 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 45, THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
21 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO TWO WEEKS TO APRIL
22 2ND, 2019. ON ITEMS 49 AND 53, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
23 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 39, THIS INCLUDES
24 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
25 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE

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1 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 56-B, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
2 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
3 ITEM 56-D, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
4 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 56-D ARE
5 BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
8 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTIONS
9 TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 40, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION.
12 ITEMS 59 THROUGH 62. ON ITEMS 59 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
13 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION TO
14 EXTEND THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
15 TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY FOR THE COUNTY THROUGH AND INCLUDING
16 JULY 31ST, 2024. ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
17 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 60, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS
18 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 25. ITEM 60
19 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODES TITLE
20 2, ADMINISTRATION, TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY, TITLE 17,
21 PARKS AND BEACHES AND OTHER PUBLIC AREAS, AND TITLE 19,
22 AIRPORTS AND HARBORS TO ESTABLISH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 SMOKE-FREE ORDINANCE TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS OF SMOKE AND
24 SMOKING. ON ITEM 61 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING
25 COUNTY CODE, TITLE 13, PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS, AND WELFARE

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1 RELATED TO IMPOSITION OF LIABILITY ON ADULTS AND MINORS FOR
2 PROVIDING ALCOHOL AND/OR CANNABIS TO UNDER AGE PERSONS. A
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
4 ITEM 62 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION EXTENDING AN INTERIM
5 ORDINANCE UP TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2019, WHICH
6 EXPIRES ON APRIL 2ND, 2019, PROHIBITING RENT INCREASES IN
7 EXCESS OF 3 PERCENT IN ANY 12-MONTH PERIOD FOR CERTAIN MOBILE
8 HOME SPACE, RENT, AND ALL MOBILE HOME PARKS LOCATED IN THE
9 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY. ON ITEM 62, SUPERVISOR
10 BARGER REQUESTS THAT HER VOTE BE RECORDED AS NO. THIS MATTER
11 IS BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 BARGER? SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL? OH, SO SHE CAN'T. OKAY,
15 SO YOU CAN'T SECOND IT. MOVED BY -- YOU'RE JUST BEING ORNERY
16 TODAY, MS. BARGER. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE
18 ORDER WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER'S VOTE BEING NO ON ONE ITEM, NOT
19 ALL OF THEM.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
23 DISTRICT NO. 5.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO
2 CELEBRATE SCOTT STEVENSON TODAY WHO HAS DEDICATED NEARLY THREE
3 DECADES OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. IT
4 IS AN HONOR TO HAVE THIS COMMISSION HOUSED IN THE FIFTH
5 DISTRICT WITH THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN ALHAMBRA, AND SCOTT IS
6 ALSO A RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, WHICH IS ALSO IN THE FIFTH
7 DISTRICT. SO I GET TWO FOR ONE. AS DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY
8 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, SCOTT HAS BEEN INTEGRAL IN
9 PROPELLING COMMUNITY-ORIENTED PROJECTS FORWARD IN ALL OF OUR
10 DISTRICTS. SCOTT'S JOB HAS CERTAINLY BEEN NO SMALL TASK,
11 CONSIDERING THE SHEER VOLUME OF WORK HE'S HAD ESPECIALLY IN
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS THE LARGEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
13 GRANT PROGRAM IN THE NATION. AS DIRECTOR OF HIS DIVISION,
14 SCOTT HAS MADE SURE THAT C.D.C.'S WIDE RANGING PROGRAMS REALLY
15 HELP RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES THRIVE. WITH HIS EXTENSIVE
16 INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE, STARTING WITH THE COMMISSION AS A
17 DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST IN 1989, SCOTT'S MANY YEARS OF
18 EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
19 IN HIS 28 YEARS WITH C.D.C., HE HAS TRULY PROVEN HIMSELF TO BE
20 SOMEONE WE CAN ALWAYS DEPEND ON TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
21 GREAT AND L.A. COUNTY MUCH BETTER. WHEN WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR
22 OFFICE, SCOTT HAS BEEN COMMUNICATIVE AND KIND, WHICH HAS
23 ALWAYS BEEN APPRECIATED WHEN WE ARE COORDINATING WITH THE
24 COMMISSION ON VITAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS. IN ADDITION TO HIS
25 STELLAR REPUTATION WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SCOTT HAS BEEN

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1 RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY AS A LEADER IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BY
2 THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WHERE HE HAS
3 SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER, TRAINER, AND AS THEIR PRESIDENT.
4 RUMOR HAS IT SCOTT IS ALSO WIDELY KNOWN AS A FIRST-CLASS CROCK
5 POT CHEF FOR HIS DELICIOUS MINESTRONE SOUP AT DIVISION
6 POTLUCKS. THE COMMISSION WILL CERTAINLY MISS SCOTT'S
7 INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP AND TALENTS AND HIS SOUP AND WISHES HIM
8 ALL THE BEST. SCOTT, THIS IS A WELL-DESERVED ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
9 YOUR WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE WISH YOU WELL,
10 HEALTH, HAPPINESS IN YOUR RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE] AND NOW, I'LL
11 LET -- YOU GO FIRST, AND I'LL LET YOU INTRODUCE EVERYONE HERE
12 ON THE DIAS.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, SCOTT
15 STEVENSON IS A WELL-RESPECTED AND RECOGNIZED LEADER IN THE
16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORLD. HE'S CONSIDERED A SUBJECT MATTER
17 EXPERT, IN FACT, IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMUNITY
18 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, OR C.D.B.G. SCOTT DID SERVE
19 AS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
20 ASSOCIATION, WAS ONCE ITS PRESIDENT, AND REMAINED ON THE BOARD
21 AS PAST PRESIDENT. HE IS AN INDUSTRY LEADER WHOSE REPUTATION
22 IS WELL-ESTABLISHED. AND, FRANKLY, IN LARGE PART TO SCOTT'S
23 HARD WORK, OUR C.D.B.G. PROGRAM, OUR SYSTEM, AND OUR POLICIES
24 ARE CONSIDERED BEST PRACTICES NATIONWIDE. BUT HERE'S A COUPLE
25 OTHER THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT SCOTT. SCOTT ALSO HAS A

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1 GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. WE HAVE LAUGHED HARD AND OFTEN OVER
2 THESE PAST THREE YEARS. I LEARNED THAT SCOTT IS BEYOND
3 DEPENDABLE AND A VERY TYPE A GUY, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART. HE
4 ALWAYS GOT THE JOB DONE, EVEN UNDER SOMETIMES UNREASONABLE
5 CIRCUMSTANCES, AND HE DID IT WELL. OVER THESE YEARS, I'VE
6 LEARNED THAT I CAN TRUST HIM. AND I COULD COUNT ON HIM TO HAVE
7 MY BACK, EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREED ON THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION.
8 MOST IMPORTANTLY, THOUGH, I LEARNED THAT SCOTT WAS INCREDIBLY
9 COMPASSIONATE, EMPATHETIC, AND DEVOTED TO SERVING OFTEN
10 DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES. FOR HIM, IT WAS IN HIS ETHOS, AND
11 THIS WAS MUCH MORE THAN A JOB. AND THAT, FRANKLY, WAS OUR MOST
12 POWERFUL MUTUAL BOND OVER THESE LAST THREE YEARS. I THINK IT
13 WAS AT ONE OF OUR FIRST ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS THREE YEARS AGO
14 WHEN SCOTT TOLD ME HE'D BE RETIRING. AND I REMEMBER THINKING
15 THAT WAS SAD. FAST FORWARD THREE YEARS LATER, AND I REALIZE
16 THAT I HAD NO IDEA JUST HOW SAD THAT WOULD BE, FOR OUR AGENCY,
17 FOR OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM, AND FOR ME PERSONALLY. SCOTT, WE WILL
18 MISS YOU. I WILL MISS YOU. BUT I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR
19 NEXT CHAPTER. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT AND THIS
20 WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SCOTT STEVENSON:** THANK YOU, EVERYBODY. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE
23 MY WIFE TRACEY AND MY DAUGHTER ALLISON. AND THEY'VE BEEN WITH
24 ME THROUGH THICK AND THIN THROUGHOUT MY CAREER. AND I JUST HAD
25 A FEW THINGS THAT I WANTED TO SAY HERE BRIEFLY. IT'S

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1 INTERESTING. I'VE SPENT MOST OF MY MANAGEMENT CAREER AT C.D.C.
2 TRYING NOT TO HAVE A REASON TO BE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS. [LAUGHTER.] AND NOW HERE I AM. BUT IT'S FOR A
4 PRETTY GOOD REASON. THANK YOU, ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS AND TO
5 KATHRYN BARGER'S OFFICE FOR THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT. I'VE HAD THE
6 INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR OVER 30 YEARS FOR THE
7 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS AS
8 ITS PRIMARY MISSION THE BETTERMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGH
9 THE PROVISION OF QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE ENHANCEMENT
10 OF COMMUNITY THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NEW AND REFURBISHED
11 PARKS, LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, AND PUBLIC SERVICES TO
12 SUPPORT UNDERSERVED AND DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS AND
13 FAMILIES. MUCH OF THIS GREAT WORK TAKING PLACE THROUGH THE
14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM THAT I HAD BEEN
15 INVOLVED WITH FOR MY ENTIRE CAREER. I HAVE ALSO HAD THE
16 REWARDING EXPERIENCE OF BEING ABLE TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH BOARD
17 AND COUNTY DEPARTMENT STAFF IN A REAL SENSE OF TEAMWORK TO
18 BRING THESE PROJECTS TO FRUITION. KNOWING THAT I WAS ABLE TO
19 CONTRIBUTE TO THE C.D.C.'S AND LARGER COUNTY MISSION OVER
20 THESE YEARS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING AND FULFILLING SOURCE OF
21 PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND CAREER SATISFACTION. CAREER
22 SUCCESS IS NOT A SINGULAR ENDEAVOR. FOR ME, IT WOULD NOT HAVE
23 BEEN POSSIBLE OVER THE YEARS WITHOUT THE TEAMWORK AND SUPPORT
24 OF MY C.D.C. COLLEAGUES, MY STAFF AND MANAGEMENT TEAM, THE
25 C.D.C.'S EXECUTIVE TEAM, AND PARTICULARLY MONIQUE AND EMILIO,

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1 AND CERTAINLY NOT LAST BUT LEAST MY FAMILY. SO THANK YOU ALL
2 WHO HAVE BEEN A PART OF MY FANTASTIC JOURNEY, AND I WISH THE
3 C.D.C. AND THE BOARD THE BEST IN BUILDING BETTER LIVES AND
4 COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** NOW I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO ADALEX, WHICH IS
7 A LABRADOR RETRIEVER MIX. ADALEX IS TWO MONTHS OLD AND IS
8 GOING TO BE A BIG DOG BASED ON THE PAWS. AVAILABLE FOR
9 ADOPTION AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER, 562-728-4610. YOU CAN GO
10 ONLINE OR GO IN PERSON. I PROMISE YOU, YOU WON'T REGRET IT.
11 BUT THIS IS PROBABLY THE SWEETEST DOG. AND LABRADORS REALLY
12 ARE LOVING, LOVING ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY WITH CHILDREN. AGAIN,
13 GO TO OUR DOWNEY SHELTER AND/OR ANY ONE OF THE COUNTY SHELTERS
14 TO ADOPT. AND THIS IS PRINCESS DAISY. AND PRINCESS DAISY IS
15 ALSO AVAILABLE AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER, 562-728-4610. AND
16 PRINCESS DAISY IS TWO MONTHS OLD, AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY,
17 MANY OTHER PRINCESS DAISIES LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME. SO,
18 AGAIN, GO ONLINE OR GO TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS IN PERSON TO
19 ADOPT.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT'S A SAD DAY. WE'RE SEEING SOME FANTASTIC PEOPLE
22 THAT HAVE SPENT A GOOD MAJORITY OF THEIR LIFE WITH THE COUNTY.
23 AND THIS ONE, AS YOU KNOW, JOE NAIMO, IS FRIENDS I THINK TO
24 ALL OF US HERE. WHAT DID I SAY? I'M SORRY. I NEED ANOTHER CUP
25 OF COFFEE. HE IS JOINED TODAY, JOHN, BY HIS WIFE, REBECCA, AND

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1 HIS SONS, JOHN AND PAUL, WHO ARE HERE WITH US TODAY TO
2 CELEBRATE THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO BEGAN HIS CAREER 39 YEARS AGO
3 WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [APPLAUSE] YOU CAN STAND. I KNOW HE
4 HAS FANS. OH MY GOD, LOOK AT THAT. (LOUD APPLAUSE). WE LOVE
5 IT. LOOK AT THAT. THE FACES OUT THERE. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE
6 GOING TO REPLACE YOU, JOHN. OH MY GOD. HE STARTED BACK IN
7 AUGUST OF 1979, AND I BET HALF OF THE AUDIENCE MAY HAVE BEEN
8 TODDLERS. AND HE STARTED OUT IN THE ACCOUNTANT AUDITOR IN THE
9 DEPARTMENT'S AUDIT DIVISION. HE STARTED AT THE COUNTY SHORTLY
10 AFTER EARNING HIS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS
11 ADMINISTRATION FROM NONE OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
12 CALIFORNIA. [APPLAUSE] OKAY. MR. NAIMO'S INTERESTS IN
13 BROADENING HIS PERSPECTIVE ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET AND FINANCES
14 LED HIM TO THE ACCOUNTING DIVISION BACK IN 1982. SHORTLY
15 THEREAFTER, HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS AN EXPERT IN
16 GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING. HOW EXCITING.
17 [LAUGHTER.] THAT SAME YEAR, HE LED THE ACCOUNTING DIVISION TO
18 ITS FIRST OF 37 CONSECUTIVE CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR
19 EXCELLENCE [APPLAUSE] IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM THE
20 GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION. BUT HE DIDN'T STOP
21 THERE. IN 1984, MR. NAIMO BECAME THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC
22 ACCOUNTANT AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE ACCOUNTING DIVISION CHIEF
23 IN 1998. [APPLAUSE] HIS EXPERIENCE AND ACCOUNTING KNOWLEDGE
24 AND LEADERSHIP WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DESIGN AND
25 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY-WIDE ACCOUNTING AND PURCHASING

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1 SYSTEM KNOWN AS CAPS. AND ITS REPLACEMENT IS E-CAPS. IN 2004,
2 HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. AND IN 2014,
3 HE WAS APPOINTED AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. [APPLAUSE] JOHN SAW THE
4 COUNTY GO THROUGH, AS WE ALL KNOW, A RECESSION IN THE EARLY
5 '90S AND AGAIN IN THE EARLY 2000S, AND MOST RECENTLY HELPED TO
6 GUIDE THE COUNTY THROUGH THE NATION'S GREAT RECESSION IN
7 FISCAL YEAR '07 AND '08. THROUGHOUT HIS TIME AT THE COUNTY,
8 JOHN NAIMO HAS CONTINUED TO SHARE HIS KNOWLEDGE, MENTORING
9 STAFF, AND HE'S SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION
10 OF COUNTY AUDITORS, CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROFESSION OVERALL. WE
11 WANT TO THANK HIM SO MUCH FOR HIS FRIENDSHIP TO ALL OF US I
12 KNOW ON THE BOARD, AND PERHAPS MEMBERS WILL WANT TO BE
13 RECOGNIZED TO SAY A FEW WORDS. BUT HE'S DONE SO MUCH TO TURN
14 US AROUND. I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THAT ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO, WHEN
15 WE WERE GOING THROUGH THE '90S, AND THIS COUNTY WAS NOT IN A
16 GOOD POSITION FISCALLY, AND TO SEE IT FROM THAT POINT ON MOVE
17 IN A TRAJECTORY THAT HAS LED US TO SOME NEW HEIGHTS AND REALLY
18 SET SOME VERY GREAT STANDARDS FOR US, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF
19 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. AND TO ME, THAT SAYS SO MUCH
20 ABOUT JOHN NAIMO AND WHAT HE BELIEVES IN. AND I THANK HIM, AND
21 I THANK HIS FAMILY FOR SHARING HIM BECAUSE I SAID WHEN DID EVE
22 TIME TO HAVE A FAMILY? [APPLAUSE] EVERYONE THINKS AN
23 ACCOUNTANT IS REAL SERIOUS. AND AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, JOHN IS
24 THAT, BUT HE'S ALSO A VERY FUN GUY, HE REALLY IS. WE'VE SEEN
25 HIM AT SOME OF OUR CELEBRATIONS WHEN WE HONOR OUR EMPLOYEES OR

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1 GREAT SERVICE PROGRAMS, AND HE COMES OUT OF HIS SHELL. AND I
2 JUST THINK IT'S WONDERFUL BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THE FOLKS THAT ARE
3 HERE ARE PAYING A TRIBUTE TO YOU, TOO, BECAUSE THEY ALSO
4 UNDERSTAND YOUR GREATNESS. [APPLAUSE] I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL
5 WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED BEFORE I HAND IT OVER.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO SAY
8 SOMETHING, TOO, BEFORE JOHN SPEAKS.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU,
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU KNOW, ACCOUNTANTS ARE KIND OF FAIRLY
12 EASY FOR US TO STEREOTYPE, MILD MANNERED, WATER MITTY KIND OF
13 PEOPLE. BUT I'D LIKE TO CHALLENGE THAT STEREOTYPE, SHARE WITH
14 YOU SOME OF THE LUMINARIES OF POP CULTURE WHO STUDIED TO
15 BECOME ACCOUNTANTS. MAYBE THAT MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND. MICK
16 JAGGER. [LAUGHTER.] BOB NEWHART. ROBERT PLANT. I MEAN, YOU
17 KIND OF GET THE PICTURE. SO I SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AT ALL
18 SURPRISED WHEN JOHN ARRIVED AT MY HOLIDAY PARTY IN A BRIGHT
19 GREEN JACKET EMBROIDERED WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. AND I THOUGHT,
20 "OKAY, THERE'S A LOT ABOUT THIS GUY I DON'T REALLY KNOW."
21 [LAUGHTER.] BUT I'M VERY PLEASED. BUT, YES, UNEXPECTED FLAIR,
22 BUT ALSO A SUPERHERO'S INTEGRITY, INTELLECT, LEADERSHIP, FAIR
23 AND EVENHANDED, CREATIVE, AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT, WITH A
24 WONDERFUL WIT, AND MUCH BELOVED BY HIS STAFF. PEOPLE DO NOT
25 THINK, "OH, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER." HIS STAFF ADORE HIM.

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1 [APPLAUSE] THESE THINGS DON'T NORMALLY GO TOGETHER, BUT, LOOK.
2 THANK YOU. SO, JOHN, AMONG ALL OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE ME ON
3 THIS BOARD AND THOSE THAT ARE ON THE BOARD, I WANT TO THANK
4 YOU FOR YOUR ALMOST FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE AUDITOR'S
5 OFFICE, TO THE COUNTY YOU HAVE ADDED IMMEASURABLY, TO THE
6 EXCELLENCE AND REALLY, I THINK, GROWTH OF OUTREACH AND
7 INNOVATION IN THE COUNTY. SO I WISH YOU WELL. I THINK IT'S A
8 BIG LOSS FOR US. BUT RETIREMENT IS A GREAT GAIN FOR YOU AND
9 YOUR FAMILY. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT HOLIDAY PARTY TO
10 SEE WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR. [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU, MADAM
11 CHAIR. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND AS YOU WERE TALKING, I WAS LOOKING
14 AT YOUR SONS. AND THEY DO THINK YOU'RE FUNNY. THEY WERE
15 ROLLING THEIR EYES. JOHN, I WANT TO THANK YOU. I'VE BEEN WITH
16 THE COUNTY FOR 30 YEARS, AND I'VE REALLY WATCHED YOUR CAREER
17 GROW. AND WHEN I LOOK AT WHAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF -- AND BY THE
18 WAY, THE GREAT PART ABOUT YOU RETIRING IN THE SENSE OF IT'S A
19 HUGE LOSS FOR US, BUT YOU HAVE THE A TEAM THAT WORKED WITH YOU
20 BECAUSE YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND
21 LETTING YOUR STAFF GROW. SO I KNOW THAT WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE
22 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TEAM OUT THERE THAT SOMEONE IS GOING TO END
23 UP TAKING OVER. [APPLAUSE] AND I THINK THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO
24 YOU BECAUSE IT'S NEVER BEEN ABOUT YOU. IT'S BEEN ABOUT THE
25 INTEGRITY OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. AND YOU HAVE KEPT THIS

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1 BOARD AND THIS COUNTY IN COMPLIANCE, WHICH MEANS YOU'VE KEPT
2 US OUT OF THE PAPERS, WHICH IS NOT A BAD THING BECAUSE WE'VE
3 HAD A LOT OF CHALLENGES, WHETHER IT BE DEALING WITH L.A.H.S.A.
4 -- AND IT WASN'T ABOUT DOING AN "I GOT YOU" AS IT RELATES TO
5 SOME OF THE ISSUES. IT'S HOW DO WE WORK TO MAKE IT RIGHT TO
6 FIX IT TO GET THEM INTO COMPLIANCE SO WE CAN ALL GET OUR JOB
7 DONE. YOU HAVE RESTORED CONFIDENCE, I KNOW AT LEAST FOR ME, IN
8 HOW AN AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND HOW THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
9 SHOULD OPERATE IN THIS COUNTY WITHOUT A PRECONCEIVED NOTION OF
10 WHAT YOU WANT TO GAIN WITH AN AUDIT BUT, IN FACT, ABOUT THE
11 FACTS AND A ROAD MAP HOW TO FIX IT. YOU ARE AN AMAZING MAN.
12 YOU DO HAVE A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. THEY SAY STILL WATERS RUN
13 DEEP. YOU RUN REALLY DEEP. [LAUGHTER.] BUT YOU WILL BE MISSED.
14 BUT I KNOW AND I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE STAFF THAT YOU'RE
15 LEAVING BEHIND THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE WITH THE INTEGRITY AND
16 THE VISION THAT YOU'VE HAD TO REALLY KEEP L.A. COUNTY AS ONE
17 OF THE BEST IN THE NATION. SO THANK YOU, JOHN. AND GOOD LUCK
18 WITH YOUR RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY FEW WORDS
21 OF CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT. AND THANK YOU, JOHN,
22 FOR DEVOTING YOUR LIFE, YOUR TALENTS TO PUBLIC SERVICE. WHEN I
23 LOOK AT THE TALENT THAT YOU BRING, AS MANY OF THOSE IN YOUR
24 DEPARTMENT, YOU KNOW, MANY PEOPLE WOULD CHOOSE THE PRIVATE
25 SECTOR TO USE THOSE TALENTS IN AND PROBABLY GET PAID A LOT

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1 MORE. BUT THE FACT THAT YOU'VE DEVOTED YOUR LIFE TO PUBLIC
2 SERVICE, WE REALLY HAVE BEEN LUCKY FOR THAT. AND YOU'RE REALLY
3 THE COUNTY FAMILY, RIGHT? YOUR WIFE WHISPERED TO ME THAT YOU
4 ACTUALLY MET HERE IN THE COUNTY. SO YOU ARE THE EPITOME OF A
5 COUNTY FAMILY. [LAUGHTER.]

6

7 **JOHN NAIMO:** THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHERE'D YOU GUYS MEET?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** BEGINNING OF HIS CAREER THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MAYBE I'LL GO HANG OUT THERE, AND SEE IF
14 THERE'S ANYBODY ELSE -- [LAUGHTER.] SINGLE. THANK YOU, JOHN,
15 FOR YOUR SERVICE. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE] SUPERVISOR, DID
16 YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM CHAIR,
19 AND OBVIOUSLY JOHN NAIMO IS NOT THE ONLY FUNNY ONE HERE TODAY
20 HANGING OUT THERE IN THAT OFFICE, MY GOODNESS. LADIES AND
21 GENTLEMEN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO LEND MY VOICE TO THE EXPRESSIONS
22 OF GRATITUDE AND CONGRATULATIONS THAT ARE BEING DESERVEDLY
23 BESTOWED UPON OUR BELOVED AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TODAY. OVER THE
24 PAST DECADE, JOHN AND I HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND
25 ARRIVED AT MUTUAL RESPECT ON THAT BASIS. JOHN'S INSTITUTIONAL

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1 KNOWLEDGE IS SIMPLY INCOMPARABLE. AND I THINK THAT'S BEEN
2 COMMUNICATED IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. OUR C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI,
3 SAID "YOU NEED TO GET TO KNOW JOHN BETTER, AND YOU WILL COME
4 TO KNOW WHAT AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE TO HIS COUNTY, TO THIS
5 COUNTY HE IS. I SAID, "SACHI, DON'T BOTHER ME ABOUT JOHN. JOHN
6 IS DOING HIS OWN THING. AND I NEED JOHN TO DO SOME DIFFERENT
7 THINGS." AND SACHI SAID, "DON'T SWEAT JOHN. - JOHN KNOWS WHAT
8 HE'S DOING." [LAUGHTER.] AND SO, WE MADE OUR WAY TO NEW YORK
9 FOR THE ANNUAL BOARD TRIP WHERE WE HAVE THE RATING AGENCIES
10 TAKE A LOOK AT US. AND JOHN NOT ONLY SHOWED UP, BUT HE SHOWED
11 OUT. HE KNOWS THE COUNTY'S CASH FLOWS BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS,
12 AND HE WAS JUST SIMPLY UNFLAPPABLE, HIS COMPOSURE JUST AS
13 TIGHT AS IT NEEDED TO BE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT DON'T
14 LET THAT FOOL YOU. JOHN JUST GOT IT GOING ON. [LAUGHTER.] HE
15 UNDERSTANDS THE URGENCY NEEDED TO SERVE WELL AND KNOWS WHAT
16 EMPATHY LOOKS LIKE FOR THE PEOPLE, THE COMMUNITIES, AND THE
17 ORGANIZATIONS WE SERVE. AND HE'S BEEN A STEWARD, A DEFENDER,
18 AND A CHAMPION FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THIS COUNTY. AND FOR THAT,
19 THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OWE HIM A GREAT DEBT
20 OF GRATITUDE TO WHICH I'M PLEASED TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF. THANK
21 YOU, JOHN, FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **JOHN NAIMO:** WOW, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
24 EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. I REALLY APPRECIATE THOSE KIND
25 WORDS. I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOUR

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1 GUIDANCE, THE RESOURCES YOU PROVIDED TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
2 DURING MY TIME AS THE DEPARTMENT HEAD. IT WAS FELT NOT JUST BY
3 ME BUT THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. AND WHEN I WAS SWORN IN IN 2014,
4 MOST OF YOU WERE NOT YET ON THE BOARD. SO FOR ME, THIS IS
5 GOING TO BE LIKE MY SWEARING OUT CEREMONY.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH.

8

9 **JOHN NAIMO:** IN MANY RESPECTS, SWEARING OUT IS ACTUALLY BETTER
10 THAN SWEARING IN. [LAUGHTER.] BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL
11 THE SUPPORT AND THE KIND WORDS. AND I DO HAVE MY FAMILY WITH
12 ME. I APPRECIATE MY WIFE, BECKY, MY SONS, JOHN AND PAUL. THANK
13 YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT
14 OVER THE MANY YEARS. AND THANK YOU TO L.A. COUNTY TAXPAYERS
15 FOR PROVIDING THE MONEY TO PAY THE BILLS. I DON'T WANT TO
16 LEAVE YOU OUT, EITHER. BOARD STAFF, WE WORK WITH YOU ON MANY,
17 MANY ISSUES, ESPECIALLY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. I WANT TO
18 ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THE TIME YOU DEVOTE TO US
19 AND THE GUIDANCE YOU PROVIDE IN WORKING THROUGH THE MANY, MANY
20 ISSUES THAT WE COME ACROSS. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
21 OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS. I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW YOU. MANY OF YOU
22 ARE NEW SINCE I WAS APPOINTED, BUT WE WORK THROUGH A LARGE
23 NUMBER OF ISSUES, AUDITING, FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, ACCOUNTING,
24 CLAIMING, YOU NAME IT. I'VE GOTTEN NOTHING BUT TREMENDOUS
25 COOPERATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND YOUR STAFF, AND I

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1 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT FROM EACH OF YOU. SACHI, I'M GOING TO
2 CALL YOU OUT ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE WORK WITH YOUR STAFF, OUR
3 TWO STAFFS WORK TOGETHER, ON THINGS EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE
4 HANDLE LOTS OF ISSUES THAT STAY BEHIND THE SCENES, WHICH THEY
5 SHOULD AND GET HANDLED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION AND FLAWLESSLY. SO
6 I APPRECIATE ESPECIALLY YOUR LEADERSHIP AND OPPORTUNITY TO
7 WORK WITH YOU. AND THEN, FINALLY, THERE'S A FEW OF YOU IN THE
8 AUDIENCE, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER PEOPLE, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU.
9 I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY EXECUTIVE TEAM, ARLENE, MY CHIEF
10 DEPUTY, THANK YOU, ARLENE. I COULDN'T HAVE RUN THIS DEPARTMENT
11 WITHOUT YOU. [APPLAUSE] MY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS, PETER,
12 CONNIE, KAREN. MY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ILLIANA. YOU'VE BEEN
13 INVALUABLE TO ME. [APPLAUSE] MY 12 DIVISION CHIEFS, THANK YOU.
14 YOU GUYS MAKE THE DEPARTMENT RUN. I'VE TOLD YOU THAT. AND,
15 FINALLY, I'VE HAD GOOD FORTUNE TO START AT THE COUNTY AT ENTRY
16 LEVEL AND WORK UP TO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD. I HAVE ENJOYED EVERY
17 SINGLE OPPORTUNITY AT THE COUNTY. IT COULDN'T HAVE GONE BETTER
18 FOR ME. I HAD GREAT MENTORS AS I WAS COMING UP IN THE
19 ORGANIZATION, PEOPLE THAT WERE WILLING TO SHARE THEIR TIME AND
20 THEIR TALENT WITH ME. AND I WILL NOT FORGET THAT. AND I LIKE
21 SOLVING PROBLEMS AND HELPING PEOPLE. I'VE HAD LOTS OF
22 OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. AND I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY THANKS
23 TO EVERYONE. THIS CAREER COULDN'T HAVE GONE ANY BETTER FOR ME.
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HAVE THE NEXT
2 ONE, TOO.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO REMIND
5 EVERYONE THAT WE ARE CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THIS
6 MONTH OF MARCH. SO WHILE EVERYONE SAYS IT'S MARCH MADNESS,
7 GUESS WHAT? THERE ARE SOME RATIONAL PEOPLE HERE, TOO, THAT
8 BELIEVE IN CELEBRATING WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS IN OUR HISTORY
9 AND THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY BUT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE
10 WITH ME TODAY A SPECIAL GUEST, PAULA ROSADO. PAULA ROSADO HAS
11 BEEN WITH UNIVISION'S PRIMER IMPACTO PROGRAM SINCE ITS
12 INCEPTION 25 YEARS AGO. SHE IS CURRENTLY PRIMER IMPACTO'S LOS
13 ANGELES BUREAU CHIEF. AS BUREAU CHIEF, PAULA OVERSEES THE
14 DAILY OPERATIONS OF PRIMER IMPACTO'S LOS ANGELES BUREAU. AFTER
15 ALL THESE YEARS AS A REPORTER, THOUGH, PAULA STILL ENJOYS
16 GOING OUT IN THE FIELD. SHE ALSO PRODUCES SEGMENTS ON
17 HEALTHCARE, ON IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR OUR SPANISH-SPEAKING
18 FAMILIES. PAULA ATTENDED REUTERS UNIVERSITY AND RECEIVED HER
19 DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES. DESPITE SOME
20 INITIAL DISCOURAGEMENT FROM PROFESSORS, PAULA PERSEVERED AND
21 OVERCAME THESE OBSTACLES. WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT AND
22 HOW WOMEN, SUCCESSFUL WOMEN, SOMETIMES ARE CHALLENGED IN SO
23 MANY WAYS, SOMETIMES FROM OUR OWN FAMILY MEMBERS AND OUR OWN
24 COMMUNITIES AND EVEN IN OUR PROFESSIONS. BUT THAT DIDN'T HOLD
25 HER BACK BECAUSE SHE BECAME A SUCCESSFUL REPORTER AND A

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1 PRODUCER AT UNIVISION, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST, AND I
2 WOULD SAY MOST INFLUENTIAL, SPANISH-SPEAKING NEWS NETWORK IN
3 THE COUNTRY IF NOT THE WORLD. UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES OF
4 THE LATINO COMMUNITY, CHALLENGES THAT THEY FACE, PAULA IS ABLE
5 TO AMPLIFY THEIR VOICES OF HARD WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH HER
6 NEWS SEGMENTS ON PRIMER IMPACTO, WHICH IS UNIVISION'S HIGHEST-
7 RATED NEWS PROGRAM. AND JUST RECENTLY, WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
8 SEEING HER ON A RAINY DAY OUT IN MARIACHI PLAZA IN BOYLE
9 HEIGHTS WHERE SHE BROUGHT HER WHOLE CAST FROM MIAMI TO COME
10 OUT AND TO SHOWCASE OUR DISTRICT, THE FIRST DISTRICT. BUT MORE
11 IMPORTANTLY TO SHARE WHAT'S GOING ON. THEY DO THIS TOUR
12 STARTING FROM I THINK BACK IN MIAMI, AND THEY GO THROUGH ALL
13 THESE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. AND THEY ENDED UP
14 RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AT MARIACHI
15 PLAZA. AND IT WAS INCREDIBLE BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT SHE
16 PROVIDES IN HONORING AND LIFTING UP VOICES OF OUR COMMUNITY,
17 PARTICULARLY WOMEN. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK HER FOR BEING
18 HERE TODAY ALONG WITH HER BROTHER THAT SHE WILL INTRODUCE.
19 BUT, AGAIN, HELP US CELEBRATE AN OUTSTANDING WOMAN WHO'S BEEN
20 LEADING THE CHARGE IN A VERY, VERY COMPETITIVE FIELD. THE
21 MEDIA, AS WE ALL KNOW, THE REVELATIONS WE READ ABOUT IN THE
22 NEWSPAPER, IT'S A TOUGH PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK, EVEN IN THE
23 ETHNIC MEDIA AREA. AND I KNOW THAT BECAUSE I'VE SEEN THE
24 CHANGES. BUT I'M SO HAPPY THAT WE ARE SEEING MORE WOMEN AND

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1 PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF REALLY TAKING UP THAT BANNER. SO WITH
2 THAT, PLEASE HELP ME JOIN AND WELCOME PAULA ROSADO. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **PAULA ROSADO:** YES, MUCH AS I TALK ALL DAY, AND AS MUCH AS I
5 INTERVIEW PEOPLE AND I TELL OTHER PEOPLE WHAT TO DO, IT'S AN
6 HONOR FOR ME TO STAND HERE TODAY AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
7 BUT IT'S MORE OF AN HONOR TO BE HERE NEXT TO MS. HILDA SOLIS,
8 HILDA L. SOLIS, BECAUSE I HAD THE PLEASURE OF RECENTLY DO HER
9 PROFILE FOR PRIMER IMPACTO, AND I LEARNED THAT, YOU KNOW, AS
10 LATINA WOMEN, WE DO HAVE THE SAME STRUGGLE TO PUT OUR
11 FOOTPRINTS IN EVERYTHING THAT WE DO BUT WITH THE FLAVOR OF
12 BEING LATINAS. I THINK ALL THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS SHE SAID ABOUT
13 ME, I'VE ALWAYS FOLLOWED HER CAREER, NOT EVEN KNOWING THAT I
14 WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO HER PROFILE. SO THANK YOU JUST TO
15 START, I WANTED TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING A ROLE MODEL.
16 AS PUERTO RICAN, I CAME BACK IN THE LATE '80S TO CALIFORNIA,
17 AND I WANTED TO SAY THAT I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT THE LOS
18 ANGELES COMMUNITY WELCOMED ME. AND IT'S BEEN MY HOME SINCE
19 THEN. AND IT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS FOR ME TO BE
20 RECOGNIZED AND ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BY THE
21 ANGELENOS, BY SOMEONE, A WOMAN IN THE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH,
22 THAT'S BEEN SO IMPORTANT IN THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES. AND
23 THAT'S THE HONOR FOR ME, BEING HONORED BY HILDA SOLIS, BY LOS
24 ANGELES. AND THEN UNIVISION IS -- MY JOB IS THE COMPANY THAT
25 HAVE GIVEN ME THE MEANS TO PORTRAY AND THE MEANS TO EXPRESS MY

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1 PASSION FOR THE PEOPLE. AND LOS ANGELES IS OUR HIGHEST RATED
2 MARKET. IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT MARKET. BUT I AM MORE GRATEFUL
3 THAT I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A STREET REPORTER. I WOULD
4 NOT TRADE IT FOR ANY -- AND I'M SAYING THIS FROM MY HEART --
5 FOR ANY ANCHOR POSITION. I AM GRATEFUL FOR BEING THE FACE OF A
6 MOTHER LOOKING FOR A CHILD, A FAMILY LOSING THEIR FATHER
7 BECAUSE OF IMMIGRATION, FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED WOMEN
8 LOOKING FOR A SECOND OPPORTUNITY. I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF BEING
9 PART AND HELP THE WOMEN AND HOMEBOYS AND AND HOMEGIRLS
10 INDUSTRY. AND THAT HAS NO PRICE BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE IN THE
11 STREET, THEN YOU CAN GET TO SEE AND BE THE FACE FOR MANY
12 PEOPLE. MY LEGS ARE SHAKING A LITTLE BIT EVEN THOUGH I DODGED
13 THE BULLETS ON THE L.A. RIOTS AND ON WILSHIRE -- ON MCARTHUR
14 PARK, BUT BECAUSE WHEN YOU TALK FROM YOUR HEART, IT'S NOT THE
15 SAME AS WHEN YOU HAVE A SCRIPT. AND I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU
16 THAT THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO POUR MY HEART OUT
17 FOR WHOEVER IS HERE AND LISTENING AND LEFT. AND IT IS AN HONOR
18 FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY. BEING THE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, I
19 ALSO WANTED TO DEDICATE THIS VERY BRIEF MOMENT THAT WE'RE
20 PUTTING ALL THIS ENERGY TO THE UNIVERSE TO THREE SECTORS OF
21 WOMEN. FIRST, HOMELESS WOMEN, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE EVEN
22 TRY TO DO JUST A LITTLE BIT IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH, IN YOUR
23 LOCAL COMMUNITY, WALKING DOWN THE STREET TO CATCH THE BUS, TO
24 BUY BREAD, TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY. THEY ASK YOU FOR MONEY. MAYBE
25 YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. BUT MAYBE IF SHE'S HANGING OUT THERE

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1 EVERY WEEK, TRY TO REFER THEM TO SOME SERVICES. TRY TO REFER
2 THEM TO A CHURCH. THE SECOND GROUP IS FORMERLY INCARCERATED
3 WOMEN. THEY NEED A SECOND OPPORTUNITY. OR MAYBE THEY NEED THAT
4 FIRST OPPORTUNITY THAT THEY NEVER HAD. AND BEING THAT IT'S
5 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, I WELCOME EVERYBODY TO FIND MAYBE A
6 SECOND OR A TIME IN YOUR MONTH, IT DOESN'T COST YOU MONEY TO
7 LOOK IN ANY OF THOSE TWO GROUPS. AND THE THIRD GROUP IS THE
8 WOMEN THAT ARE INCARCERATED AND ARE AWAY FROM THEIR CHILDREN
9 AND ARE WAITING FOR THE HOPE AND THE CHANCE TO MAKE IT BETTER.
10 SO LOOK INTO THE JUSTICE REFORM. TRY TO DO SOMETHING IN YOUR
11 COMMUNITIES. TRY TO, YOU KNOW, DO ANYTHING POSSIBLE, NOT
12 DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, BUT WITHIN YOUR TIME. ALSO ONE
13 OF MY CERTIFICATES IN ONE OF MY MAJORS IS WOMEN'S STUDIES. AND
14 EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT A HARDCORE FEMINIST, I'M A WOMAN FOR WOMEN
15 BECAUSE WE RUN THE WORLD. WE RUN THE HOMES. WE RUN THE
16 STREETS. AND WE RUN THE NATION, WHETHER WE DON'T GET IT
17 RECOGNIZED OR NOT. [APPLAUSE] AND OF COURSE, WE CANNOT DO IT
18 WITHOUT OUR MALE COUNTERPARTS OR OUR PARTNERS, BEING FAIR TO
19 ALL GENDERS AND GENERATIONS, BUT THAT'S WHY I AM SO SHAKING
20 BECAUSE IT'S COMING FROM MY HEART. I REALLY WANT YOU TO TAKE
21 TIME AND LOOK ON THESE THREE GROUPS OF WOMEN, PARTICULARLY
22 MINORITY WOMEN, LATINA WOMEN, BLACK WOMEN, THAT ARE ACTUALLY
23 THE HIGHEST RATED NUMBERS HOMELESS, IN JAIL, AND FORMERLY
24 INCARCERATED. AND I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH THAT. AND ALSO I'M
25 GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK THAT HILDA, I SAY HILDA WITH RESPECT,

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1 COMO CHE UNA AMIGA, THAT SHE'S DOING CURRENTLY FOR HEALTH AND
2 ALL THE NEW PROJECTS THAT SHE HAS UPCOMING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH,
3 WOMEN'S HEALTH, AND HEALTH FOR THE HOMELESS. OTHERWISE, I JUST
4 WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU. I AM SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE WORKED 25
5 YEARS IN THE STREETS OF L.A. AS A REPORTER. AND I ASK GOD TO
6 GIVE ME THE HEALTH TO CONTINUE DOING IT 'TIL MAYBE NEXT YEAR
7 BECAUSE I'M RETIRING, I DON'T KNOW. BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M
8 VERY HUMBLE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. A LOT HAPPENING IN
11 MARCH. BUT NOT MADNESS FOR ONE. BUT WE'RE HERE TO ALSO
12 CELEBRATE THE FARHANG FOUNDATION. AND I HAVE WITH ME JOINING
13 ME AT THE DAIS, ALIREZA ARDEKANI, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE
14 DIRECTOR OF THE ANNUAL NOWRUZ CELEBRATION THAT IS HELD
15 ANNUALLY. AND TOMORROW, WE'LL BE CELEBRATING THE BEGINNING OF
16 SPRING, RIGHT? WE ALREADY CHANGED THE HOUR AHEAD OF US, BUT
17 NOW WE'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT MORE HAPPENING, THANK GOODNESS.
18 BUT MARCH 20TH MARKS THE CELEBRATION OF THE NOWRUZ. THE NOWRUZ
19 IS KNOWN AS THE PERSIAN NEW YEAR AND HAS BEEN CELEBRATED FOR
20 THOUSANDS OF YEARS. AND I'M HAPPY TO HAVE MR. PRESIDENT
21 ALIREZA ARDEKANI, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FARHANG
22 FOUNDATION, JOINING ME TODAY. MR. ARDEKANI WAS BORN IN TEHRAN,
23 IRAN, RAISED IN SWITZERLAND, AND WAS EDUCATED HERE IN LOS
24 ANGELES AT U.S.C. HE'S A PROUD IRANIAN AMERICAN AND HAS A
25 PASSION TO SHARE THE IRANIAN HISTORY, ART, FILM, MUSIC, AND

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1 CUISINE. AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HE WORKS TO SHOW PROGRESS
2 THROUGH THE MISSION OF GETTING OTHER FOLKS AROUND THE COUNTY
3 TO UNDERSTAND THE RICH CULTURE AND THE MANY THINGS THAT THE
4 IRANIAN COMMUNITY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO US HERE IN LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY. THE FARHANG FOUNDATION IS A NON-RELIGIOUS AND NON-
6 POLITICAL FOUNDATION THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2008 TO CELEBRATE
7 AND PROMOTE IRANIAN ART AND CULTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF
8 US IN LOS ANGELES. THE FOUNDATION PROVIDES BROAD SUPPORT
9 THROUGH A RANGE OF AREAS, IN ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.
10 I THINK RECENTLY THEY JUST HAD ONE OF THEIR MAJOR
11 CELEBRATIONS AT THE CAMPUS OF U.C.L.A. AND SOME OF YOU MAY
12 HAVE SEEN THAT ON TELEVISION, WHICH INCLUDED MUSICAL
13 PERFORMANCES, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. I
14 WANT TO THANK HIM FOR COMING TODAY AND THE FARHANG FOUNDATION
15 FOR THEIR WORK IN PROMOTING IRANIAN CULTURE. I KNOW A COUPLE
16 YEARS AGO WE CELEBRATED HERE IN GRAND PARK THE ANNUAL NEW
17 YEAR'S. AND IT WAS QUITE AN EXCITING TIME THEN. AND IT'S AN
18 EXCITING TIME NOW. SO THANK YOU AGAIN MR. ARDEKANI FOR BEING
19 HERE AND SHARING WITH US YOUR MESSAGE OF HOPE AND SPRING.
20 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **ALIREZA ARDEKANI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, MADAM
23 CHAIR, THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS GREAT
24 RECOGNITION FOR FARHANG FOUNDATION. AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS
25 MENTIONED, OUR FOUNDATION'S MISSION IS TO PROMOTE IRANIAN ART

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1 AND CULTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE TO SHOW
2 THE TRUE FACE OF IRAN AND IRANIANS. AND WE CELEBRATE OUR
3 CULTURE WITH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. OUR LARGEST EVENT OF THE
4 YEAR IS THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF NOWRUZ, WHICH JUST TOOK
5 PLACE ON THE CAMPUS OF U.C.L.A. ON MARCH 10TH AND WAS ATTENDED
6 BY OVER 25,000 PEOPLE. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THIS ANNUAL
7 CELEBRATION AND ALL THE OTHER ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS
8 THAT WE INITIATE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND ON BEHALF OF
9 FARHANG FOUNDATION, I WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY NOWRUZ, WHICH
10 IS TOMORROW AT 2:59 P.M., THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING AND WISH
11 EVERYONE A VERY PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NOWRUZ AND IRANIAN NEW
12 YEAR, AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU'RE NEXT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
17 DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE OUR CELEBRATION
18 OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND THE RECOGNITION OF HOW WOMEN HAVE
19 DRIVEN OUR PROGRESS FORWARD ON THE PATH TO A MORE EQUAL AND
20 JUST SOCIETY. I'M PLEASED TO HONOR AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS
21 CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE EDUCATION COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE
22 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND I SPEAK OF NONE OTHER THAN THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR MICHELE SIQUEIROS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
24 CAMPAIGN FOR COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY. NOT ONLY DOES SHE ADVOCATE
25 FOR COLLEGE ACCESS AND SUCCESS, SHE IS LEADING BY EXAMPLE AS A

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1 FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE GRADUATE. MICHELE IS A GRADUATE OF
2 PITTSBURGH COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
3 A MASTER'S DEGREE IN URBAN PLANNING FROM U.C.L.A. IN HER ROLE
4 AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY, SHE
5 WORKS DAILY TO EXPAND COLLEGE ACCESS AND DELIVER THE TOOLS OF
6 SUCCESS FOR CALIFORNIA'S STUDENTS. WE ALL KNOW THAT EDUCATION
7 IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN LIFE, AND MICHELE IS COMMITTED TO
8 ENSURING THAT OUR YOUTH ARE PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE. IN HER 11
9 YEARS AS PRESIDENT, SHE HAS BEEN QUITE BUSY ADVOCATING ON
10 BEHALF OF OUR STUDENTS ACROSS THE STATE. IN 2010, SHE LED A
11 TRANSFORMATIVE MOVEMENT THAT RESULTED IN AN EASIER PROCESS FOR
12 STUDENTS TO TRANSFER FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN CALIFORNIA TO
13 THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH THE ASSOCIATE
14 DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAM. IT HAS MADE A QUALITATIVE
15 DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND UNDER HER
16 LEADERSHIP, SHE HAS STRENGTHENED THE CAMPAIGN FOR COLLEGE
17 OPPORTUNITY BY RAISING MORE THAN \$21 MILLION, CHAMPIONING
18 MAJOR BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, AND SECURING HISTORIC HIGHER
19 EDUCATION LEGISLATION. MICHELE CONTINUES TO LEAD HER
20 ORGANIZATION AND PRODUCE REPORTS ADDRESSING ISSUES SUCH AS,
21 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE LACK OF DIVERSITY AMONG COLLEGE
22 LEADERS AND FACULTY, THE POWERFUL RETURN OF INVESTMENT FOR
23 SPENDING BY THE STATE IN OUR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, THE
24 NEED FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CLOSE THE ETHNIC GAPS, AS WELL
25 AS REFORMING REMEDIAL EDUCATION AT OUR COLLEGE CAMPUSES. AND

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1 THROUGHOUT THIS GREAT STATE, HER LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY HAVE
2 NOT GONE UNNOTICED. IN 2019, MICHELE WAS APPOINTED BY THE
3 PRESIDENT, THE SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM, TONY ATKINS, TO A
4 STUDENT-CENTERED FUNDING FORMULA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, A
5 COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
6 LEGISLATURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION-
7 RELATED MEASURES. SHE IS COMMITTED TO MAKING HIGHER EDUCATION
8 MORE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE. MICHELE, YOU HAVE NOT ONLY
9 MADE HISTORY WITH YOUR WORK ON ACHIEVING EQUITY IN HIGHER
10 EDUCATION, BUT YOU ARE ALSO LAYING THE GROUNDWORK THAT WILL
11 SHAPE THE FUTURE LIVES OF STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FOR YEARS AND
12 YEARS TO COME. SO IN RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, ON
13 BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WISH TO COMMEND
14 YOU ON YOUR STELLAR CAREER IN EDUCATION AND FOR YOUR
15 LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS CONTINUED ACCESS TO HIGHER
16 EDUCATION FOR THOSE ACROSS THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM. LADIES AND
17 GENTLEMEN, PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO MICHELE
18 SIQUEIROS. [APPLAUSE.]

19
20 **MICHELE SIQUEIROS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.
21 THANK YOU TO THE BOARD. AS MY MOTHER WOULD SAY, YOU ARE
22 CLEARLY BENDITO ENTRE LOS MUJERES. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE
23 SUPERVISORS BECAUSE ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN TRAILBLAZERS. I HAVE
24 BEEN PROUD TO STAND ON YOUR SHOULDERS. YOU HAVE EACH FOUGHT
25 FOR EQUITY IN EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE AND ALL THE THINGS THAT

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1 OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECOGNITION. I'D
2 LIKE TO THANK MY MOTHER, WHO WAS A TRAILBLAZER, CAME TO THIS
3 COUNTRY WITH ONLY A SIXTH GRADE EDUCATION BUT ALL THE HOPE IN
4 THE WORLD THAT HER DAUGHTER WOULD GO FAR AND DO WELL. AND I
5 HOPE I'VE MADE HER PROUD. IN LIGHT OF THE HUGE TRAGEDY OF THE
6 ADMISSIONS SCANDAL LAST WEEK, I ACTUALLY WANT TO SAY A FEW
7 WORDS THAT I WROTE IN RESPONSE TO THAT AND REALLY DEDICATE
8 THIS RECOGNITION, FOR ALL OF US WHO WERE THE FIRST IN OUR
9 FAMILIES TO GO TO COLLEGE, WHO WORKED FAST FOOD AND RETAIL TO
10 MAKE AS MUCH CASH AS POSSIBLE, WHO HAD TO CONVINCE OUR WORRIED
11 PARENTS TO TURN OVER THEIR TAXES SO WE COULD FILL OUT THE
12 F.A.F.S.A. AND THEN SHOCK THEM WITH THE SURPRISE THAT THERE'S
13 ACTUALLY FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE IF YOU DO THAT. FOR ALL OF US
14 WHO GOT THE S.A.T. WAIVER SO THAT WE COULD TAKE THAT TEST AND
15 DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT YOU COULD PREP OR BE TUTORED FOR IT AND
16 HAD TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YACHTS. FOR THOSE OF US WHO
17 SCRAMBLED TO GET MORE FEE WAIVERS SO WE COULD APPLY TO
18 COLLEGES BECAUSE, IF WE DIDN'T GET ONE, WE WERE DEFINITELY NOT
19 APPLYING TO THAT COLLEGE. FOR THOSE OF US WHO WROTE OUR OWN
20 ESSAYS AND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ANYONE THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO
21 REVIEW IT, MUCH LESS HELP US REWRITE IT, AND TO THOSE OF US
22 WHO HAD TO CONVINCE OUR PARENTS THAT IT WAS OKAY TO MOVE INTO
23 THE COLLEGE DORM, TO THOSE OF US WHO KNEW WE COULDN'T DEMAND
24 MORE OF OUR PARENTS THAN THE SACRIFICE THEY HAD ALREADY GIVEN,
25 TO THOSE OF US WHO FIGURED OUT HOW TO PASS OUR CLASSES AND

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1 GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AFTER FEELING LOST IN CAMPUSES THAT
2 WEREN'T ALWAYS WELCOMING. THIS COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SCANDAL IS A
3 REMINDER THAT THE DECK HAS ALWAYS BEEN STACKED AGAINST US. AND
4 EVEN SO, WE STILL MADE IT BECAUSE WE WORKED HARD AND DIDN'T
5 EVEN KNOW THERE WERE SHORTCUTS. WE GOT INTO COLLEGE BECAUSE OF
6 TRAILBLAZERS WHO PROTESTED, ORGANIZED, AND FOUGHT FOR US. WE
7 EARNED OUR SPOTS IN COLLEGE BECAUSE WE ARE INDUSTRIOUS,
8 BRILLIANT, AND EXCELLENT. AND WE DIDN'T NEED OUR PARENTS TO
9 LIE, CHEAT, STEAL, OR OPEN ANY SIDE DOORS FOR US. WE SUCCEEDED
10 IN COLLEGE WITH THE HELP OF TEACHERS -- [APPLAUSE] WE
11 SUCCEEDED IN COLLEGE WITH THE HELP OF TEACHERS, MENTORS,
12 PEERS, AND FAMILY WHO CHEERED US ON AND BELIEVED IN US EVEN
13 WHEN WE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN OURSELVES. EVERY DAY, STUDENTS LIKE
14 THIS ARE BEATING THE ODDS, OVERCOMING BARRIERS, PREVAILING IN
15 AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM THAT OFTEN DOES NOT FAVOR THEM OR
16 ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THEM BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T BORN TO WEALTHY
17 AND POWERFUL PARENTS. EVERY DAY, STUDENTS ARE WORKING HARD TO
18 EARN A SPOT IN COLLEGE AND EVEN HARDER TO EARN THE TITLE OF
19 COLLEGE GRADUATE. EVERY DAY, I AM GRATEFUL THAT MY JOURNEY TO
20 AND THROUGH COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL WAS SUCCESSFUL. EVERY
21 DAY, I MEET STUDENTS THAT INSPIRE ME WITH THE HOPE THAT SOME
22 DAY, AS AMERICANS, WE MIGHT REALIZE THE PROMISE THAT
23 OPPORTUNITY IN THIS COUNTRY IS REALLY ONLY BASED ON HARD WORK
24 AND TALENT, NOT CHEATING A TEST, COMMITTING FRAUD, OR BUYING
25 YOUR WAY INTO UNIVERSITY. SOME DAY, I HOPE WE WILL VALUE THE

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1 INCREDIBLE FEAT THAT IT TAKES ALL OF THESE STUDENTS TO GO SO
2 FAR WHEN THEY HAVE SO LITTLE. AT THE CAMPAIGN FOR COLLEGE
3 OPPORTUNITY, I PROMISE I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO ENSURE THAT
4 ALL STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT I DID. THANK YOU SO
5 MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AFTER A PRESENTATION LIKE THAT, WE NEED TO
8 JUST SURROUND HER AND LIFT HER UP. GIVE HER ANOTHER ROUND OF
9 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO MAYBE SINCE ALL THAT WEALTH IS CONCENTRATED IN
12 THE 1 PERCENT, ACTUALLY 99 PERCENT OF US TOOK THE TESTS FOR
13 OURSELVES, ALL OF THEM. WELL, IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TODAY
14 BECAUSE WE'RE HONORING A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE VERY GOOD
15 WORK, AND IT'S REALLY APPROPRIATE. COMMUNITIES ARE IMPORTANT
16 PARTNERS IN THE COUNTY'S FIGHT TO END HOMELESSNESS. SO I WANT
17 TO HONOR THE PEOPLE IN ATWATER VILLAGE IN MY DISTRICT, A GROUP
18 OF RESIDENTS WHO SAW THE RISING TIDE OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS RIGHT THERE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND RESPONDED BY
20 CREATING THE ATWATER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL'S
21 HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FORMED
22 PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
23 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS RIGHT THERE, LIVING IN THE L.A.
24 RIVER BED. AND IN TRUE GOOD SAMARITAN FASHION, THEY BEGAN TO
25 HOST MONTHLY POTLUCKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SILVER LAKE,

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1 ECHO PARK, LOS FELIZ, ATWATER VILLAGE, AND HOLLYWOOD HOMELESS
2 COALITION, WHERE THEY PROVIDE MEALS AND SERVICES AND DONATIONS
3 TO THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AT THE THIRD
4 DISTRICT'S MOST RECENT HOMELESS CONNECT DAY IN LOS FELIZ -- BY
5 THE WAY HOMELESS CONNECT EVENTS ARE ALL DAY LONG EVENTS WHERE
6 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS RECEIVE SHOWERS AND FOOD AND
7 HAIRCUTS AND ALL THE OTHER SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO
8 OFFER. THE ATWATER HOMELESS COMMITTEE COLLECTED TWO CARLOADS
9 OF DONATIONS, INCLUDING CLOTHES, AND BLANKETS, AND TOWELS,
10 REUSABLE BAGS, AND A LOT MORE THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED TO MORE
11 THAN 100 PEOPLE. SO THIS IS THE KIND OF NEIGHBORHOOD
12 LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT THAT'S REALLY HELPING L.A. COUNTY TO
13 REDUCE HOMELESSNESS. AND WE KNOW, AS THEY DO, IT'S ONE PERSON
14 AT A TIME, ONE PERSON DIRECTLY SPOKEN TO, ONE PERSON NOT
15 IGNORED. AS OTHERS OF OUR HONOREES HAVE SAID TODAY, DON'T WALK
16 BY. DON'T AVERT YOUR EYES. DO SOMETHING. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN
17 COMMEMORATING THE LEADERS OF THE ATWATER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD
18 COUNCIL'S HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE. AND I'LL NAME THEM. JOSH
19 HERTZ, MONICA WAGONER, MICHAEL BATISTIC -- THANK YOU, MICHAEL.
20 SUSAN MORRISSEY AND KELLY GARNER, WHO ARE HERE, AS WELL AS
21 SPIKE FRIEDMAN AND COURTNEY MORRIS, WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT. SO
22 PLEASE, A GRAND ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEM AND THEIR WORK.
23 [APPLAUSE] SO LET ME ASK JOSH TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON THEIR
24 BEHALF.

25

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1 **JOSH HERTZ:** FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
2 THE REST OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. WE REALLY
3 APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO TO MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
4 A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL THOSE WHO CALL IT HOME. THANKS TO
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S STAFF, PARTICULARLY ERIN SCHNEIDER AND
6 FERNANDO MORALES, WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY WITH US FOR
7 ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS IN AND AROUND ATWATER VILLAGE. THANK
8 YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO HOLD DOWN THE FORTS WHILE WE ARE
9 OUT VOLUNTEERING TO HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTHY. WHEN
10 WE FORMED THIS COMMITTEE, I THOUGHT WE COULD ACCOMPLISH
11 SOMETHING GOOD FOR ATWATER VILLAGE, BUT I TRULY DIDN'T REALIZE
12 THE IMPACT A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE COULD MAKE. THROUGH OUR
13 MONTHLY POTLUCKS, WE'VE CONNECTED WITH SO MANY OTHER
14 NEIGHBORS, BOTH HOUSED AND UNHOUSED, WHO WANT THE MAKE OTHERS'
15 LIVES BETTER. MANY OF US ALSO ARE ORGANIZING MEMBERS OF
16 C.E.L.A., THE SUPERVISOR REFERENCED, A NONPROFIT THAT WE
17 HELPED START LAST YEAR WITH OTHER LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS.
18 SO NOW OUR SMALL GROUP IS BECOMING LARGER. THAT'S THE TRICK.
19 THIS WORK CAN SNOWBALL. IT CAN PICK UP SUPPORTERS WITH A
20 LITTLE PUSH AS IT ROLLS ALONG. IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US TO
21 MANAGE THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES. AND WE WANT TO
22 THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU DO ON THAT
23 FRONT. AND THANK YOU AGAIN ON BEHALF OF THE A.V.N.C.
24 HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE FOR THIS HONOR. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO
2 YOU ALL, THE ATWATER GROUP. I'M HAPPY YOU'RE COORDINATING ON
3 MY SIDE OF THE DISTRICT. BUT SHEILA AND I, SUPERVISOR KUEHL
4 AND I, REALLY WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND AND
5 THIS EFFORT. THANK YOU FOR HELPING ALL OUR FAMILIES AND
6 KNOWING NO BOUNDARIES. THANK YOU. GOD BLESS.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AS THE MOTHER OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS THAT
9 WE STARTED IN 1999 WITH THE NEW CITY CHARTER, THIS MAKES ME
10 FEEL VERY PROUD.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE GANG'S ALL HERE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WE HAVE ANOTHER
15 RETIREMENT THAT WE'RE ACKNOWLEDGING TODAY. AND IT'S MY
16 PLEASURE TO WELCOME THE VOICE OF THE LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS,
17 RALPH LAWLER. [APPLAUSE] AND JOINING US IS THE CLIPPERS
18 MASCOT, CHUCK THE CONDOR. CHUCK, THANKS FOR BEING HERE. SO,
19 MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT RALPH BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE THEN SAN
20 DIEGO CLIPPERS IN 1978 AND MOVED WITH THE TEAM TO LOS ANGELES
21 SIX YEARS LATER. AT THE END OF THIS SEASON, RALPH WILL RETIRE
22 AFTER 40 YEARS. THAT'S OVER 3,200 GAMES. GIVE HIM ANOTHER
23 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] FLAP YOUR WINGS. OVER A LONG
24 PERIOD OF TIME, IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO KEEP THAT PASSION YEAR
25 AFTER YEAR, BUT RALPH HAS MADE FANS FEEL LIKE THERE'S NO OTHER

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1 PLACE THAT HE'D RATHER BE. HE'S PART OF A LEGENDARY GROUP OF
2 PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCERS IN THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES SPORTS,
3 INCLUDING VIN SCULLY, CHICK HEARN, BOB MILLER, AND JAIME
4 JARRIN. RALPH IS ONE OF THE FEW ANNOUNCERS WHO HAS CALLED
5 GAMES IN EACH OF THE FOUR U.S. SPORTS LEAGUES, THE N.F.L., THE
6 M.L.B., THE N.H.L., AND THE N.B.A. THAT DESERVES ANOTHER ROUND
7 OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] AND IN SEPTEMBER, HE WILL RECEIVE THE
8 BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME'S 2019 CURT GOWDY MEDIA AWARD FOR HIS
9 CONTRIBUTIONS TO BASKETBALL MEDIA. RALPH HAS WON THE HEARTS OF
10 FANS AND PLAYERS ALIKE. HIS FAMOUS CATCH PHRASES, OR
11 LAWLERISM, SUCH AS BINGO OR OH ME OH MY, WILL NEVER BE
12 FORGOTTEN. THERE ARE SO MANY MEMORABLE MOMENTS THROUGHOUT HIS
13 FOUR-DECADE CAREER. SO AS RALPH SAYS, FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS
14 FOR THIS SHORT CLIP TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THOSE MOMENTS. THAT
15 WAS SHORT. OH. [MUSIC.]

16

17 **SPEAKER:** 7 SECONDS REMAIN. DOWN ON 3. DOWN FOR THE WIN. BANK
18 SHOT. HE'S GOT IT! THE CLIPPERS WIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOING TO MISS YOU BIG TIME. I WAS WITH LEBRON THE
21 OTHER NIGHT, WE WERE WATCHING THE CLIPPERS GAME AND HE WAS
22 TALKING ABOUT HOW MUCH HE LOVED TO HEAR YOU ON AIR. SO I KNOW
23 YOU'RE WELL-RESPECTED, MAN. HATE TO SEE YOU GO. MUCH LOVE TO
24 YOU, RALPH.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** FROM ME OH MY TO LAWLESS LAW, TO MANY, MANY BINGOS
2 YOU HOLLERED THAT WHEN I SHOT A 3. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU
3 ON AN AWESOME SEASON. YOU ARE THE BEST.

4

5 **RALPH LAWLER:** OH ME OH MY, WHAT A PLAYER.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON 40 WONDERFUL YEARS
8 OF BASKETBALL IN THE N.B.A. AND I WISH YOU A WONDERFUL
9 RETIREMENT.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** IT WAS AN HONOR THE GET TO KNOW YOU AND WATCH YOU
12 PERFORM. YOU WERE TRULY ONE OF THE BEST. ENJOY RETIREMENT WITH
13 YOUR BEAUTIFUL WIFE, JO, VERY DESERVING.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANKS FOR ENTERTAINING ALL OF US. THANKS FOR
16 TEACHING US ABOUT LAWLER'S LAW. WHAT A CAREER YOU'VE HAD. OH
17 ME OH MY.

18

19 **RALPH LAWLER:** J.J. (INAUDIBLE). FIRES IN TIME FOR THE WIN. THE
20 CLIPPERS WIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YOU HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CLIPPERS FAMILY
23 FOR SO LONG. AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** 40 YEARS WENT BY IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE. I JUST
2 FINISHED DOING THE GAME WITH YOU TONIGHT. IT WAS A REAL HONOR.
3 CONGRATULATIONS ON AN AMAZING CAREER. AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU IN
4 THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. YOU DESERVE ONLY THE BEST. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RALPH, YOU'RE MORE THAN JUST THE VOICE OF
7 THIS TEAM. YOU HAVE BEEN THE HEART AND SOUL. SO ON BEHALF OF
8 THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, EVEN THE LAKER
9 FANS, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON AN INCREDIBLE CAREER AND
10 WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **RALPH LAWLER:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN.
13 THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR YOUR LONG YEARS, DECADES, OF
14 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY. IT IS REALLY QUITE AN HONOR FOR ME TO
15 BE HERE BECAUSE I REMEMBER BACK IN THE DAY THIS IS THE
16 CLIPPERS' 35TH YEAR HERE IN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY. AND WHEN
17 WE CAME HERE, I'D SAY 75 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE DIDN'T EVEN
18 KNOW WE WERE HERE. THE 25 PERCENT THAT DID, DID NOT CARE AT
19 ALL. AND WE WENT THROUGH SOME REALLY, REALLY TOUGH YEARS. WE
20 DEVELOPED A SMALL CADRE OF FANS THAT WERE SO DARN LOYAL.
21 THEY'D COME TO SEE OUR GAMES, 6, 7,000 STRONG AT THE OLD WORN
22 OUT L.A. SPORTS ARENA. BUT THEY KEPT ON COMING. THEY KEPT ON
23 BELIEVING. THEY KEPT ON HAVING FAITH THAT SOME DAY IT WOULD
24 TURN AROUND. THEY ALWAYS SAY YOU HAVE TO HIT THE BOTTOM BEFORE
25 YOU CAN RISE BACK TO THE TOP. IT HAPPENED TO US I THINK IN THE

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1 YEAR 2000. THERE WAS A COVER STORY OF SPORTS ILLUSTRATED
2 MAGAZINE THAT HAD PICTURES OF CLIPPER FANS WITH SACKS OVER
3 THEIR HEADS AND THE TITLE "THE WORST FRANCHISE IN THE HISTORY
4 OF PRO SPORTS." AND THAT WAS US, THE L.A. CLIPPERS 19 YEARS
5 AGO. LOOK WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE. THE TEAM IS EXPERIENCING
6 ITS EIGHTH STRAIGHT WINNING SEASON, BE IN THE PLAYOFFS FOR THE
7 SEVENTH TIME IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. [APPLAUSE] THEY'VE
8 DOMINATED THE PRO BASKETBALL SPORTS PAGES IN THIS TOWN, WHICH
9 IS NOT EASY TO DO WHEN YOU'VE GOT LEBRON JAMES ACROSS THE HALL
10 FROM US RIGHT NOW. BUT THIS IS A VERY GOOD BASKETBALL TEAM.
11 THE NEW OWNERSHIP, NEW MANAGEMENT, NEW BASKETBALL STAFF, I
12 THINK THE CLIPPERS HAVE GONE IN 2000 BEING THE WORST FRANCHISE
13 IN PRO SPORTS TO ONE OF THE VERY BEST IF NOT THE BEST
14 FRANCHISE IN ALL OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS. AND THE ONLY REAL
15 MISGIVING I HAVE ABOUT RETIRING AFTER 40 YEARS IS I KNOW, I
16 KNOW IN MY BONES, THE BEST IS YET TO COME. THIS TEAM IS GOING
17 TO BRING IN A COUPLE OF BIG STAR PLAYERS THIS SUMMER. THEY'RE
18 GOING TO WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS. THERE'S GOING TO BE A COUPLE OF
19 PARADES THROUGH THIS COUNTY. I MAY COME BACK FROM OREGON TO
20 ATTEND THOSE BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE REALLY SPECIAL. BUT THANK
21 YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAD SOME GREAT PRESENTATIONS
24 TODAY. WE'VE HONORED A LOT OF GREAT PEOPLE FOR THEIR
25 CONTRIBUTIONS IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS IN L.A. COUNTY. NOW,

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1 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY OUR CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH
2 APPLIES TO THE CONDOR.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
5 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
7 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
8 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
10 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGING SUCH PARTICIPATION.
11 HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE
12 BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT
13 INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL
14 ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES, SPEAKERS MUST
15 CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC
16 COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF
17 THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS
18 WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT
19 INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS
20 OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN
21 FROM UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
22 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
23 STATEMENTS TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR
24 ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL
25 OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS

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1 AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE
2 ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT
3 THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
4 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
5 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
6 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
7 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET ME TELL YOU THE PLAN FOR TODAY.
11 WE'LL BEGIN WITH RELATED ITEMS 1-D, 5, AND 6 FOLLOWED BY ITEMS
12 4, 11, 13, 17, 25, WHICH IS RELATED TO 60, THEN 56-B AND 56-D.
13 DID YOU GUYS ALL GET THAT? OKAY. SO NOW WE'RE ON ITEMS 1-D, 5,
14 AND ITEM 6. THEY'RE HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD YOU LIKE
15 TO MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. AT THIS TIME, I ALSO WANT TO
18 RECOGNIZE MY COAUTHOR ON 1-D AND 5, AND THAT'S SUPERVISOR
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS. THIS IS THIS IS AN AREA THAT I KNOW MANY OF US
20 ARE ALL DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT, AND IT HAS TO DO WITH
21 BUSINESS, THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT THAT EXISTS HERE IN LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY. AND I DON'T THINK I NEED TO REMIND EVERYONE,
23 BUT WE KNOW AS A BOARD THAT THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO
24 CREATE NEW AND THRIVING BUSINESSES. ACROSS THE COUNTY, THERE
25 ARE MANY COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE HAD VIBRANT

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1 LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THRIVING COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS. AND THERE
2 ARE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE IMMENSE POTENTIAL, BUT THEY NEED A
3 BOOST. AND I KNOW THEY EXIST IN THE FIRST DISTRICT AND
4 PROBABLY IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY. NONETHELESS, WE MUST TAKE
5 AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP INJECT I THINK THE KINDS OF RESOURCES
6 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, ESPECIALLY IN
7 THOSE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES DUE TO SOMETIMES,
8 MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, DISCRIMINATORY BANKING POLICIES AND
9 PRACTICES. BUSINESSES AND NEW ENTREPRENEURS DO NOT HAVE AMPLE
10 ACCESS TO SAFE AND SECURE LENDING PRODUCTS. WE KNOW THIS. THIS
11 MEANS WE DON'T GET TO SEE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES REACH THEIR
12 FULL POTENTIAL IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AS WE CREATE AN ECONOMIC
13 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE COUNTY, WE COULD BE CREATIVE TO
14 HELP ADDRESS THIS GROWING ISSUE OF ACCESS TO SAFE AND SECURE
15 CAPITAL FOR OUR MICRO AND SMALL BUSINESSES. WE COULD PARTNER
16 WITH SOME OF THE GREAT ORGANIZATIONS AND CREATE A
17 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM THAT'S INCLUSIVE, THAT FULLY SUPPORTS
18 BORROWERS, AND CAN REACH A BROADER SEGMENT OF POTENTIALLY NEW
19 BORROWERS. THROUGH THE EAST LOS ANGELES ENTREPRENEUR CENTER,
20 WE WILL ALSO BE BUILDING UPON A MICRO LOAN PROGRAM WITH AN
21 INTENSIVE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE
22 PROGRAM. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT WE'RE TEST PILOTING
23 THIS EFFORT IN AN AREA THAT IS VERY DIVERSE BUT HAS A LOT OF
24 CHALLENGES. AND I'M SO HONORED AND HAPPY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO
25 FINALLY GET TO THIS MOMENT IN TIME TO BE ABLE TO SEE THAT

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1 BEGIN TODAY, I HOPE, WITH THE POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD.
2 THIS WILL HELP US ESTABLISH A LOCAL PROGRAM FROM WHICH WE CAN
3 LEARN. AND I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT WE CAN
4 REPLICATE IT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I THINK THAT'S THE REAL
5 PURPOSE HERE TODAY, IS REALLY TO TRY TO, AS WE ALL TALK ABOUT
6 THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX. AND WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TOO FAR TO
7 OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS. WE CAN START RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN
8 DISTRICTS. YOU KNOW, OFTENTIMES, POOR PEOPLE ARE VIEWED AS
9 HIGH RISK BORROWERS. SO THEY ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. AND
10 THE DATA SHOWS THAT THAT'S NOT THE CASE WHEN SAFE AND SECURE
11 LOANS ARE PROVIDED FOR THESE COMMUNITIES AND THESE
12 ENTREPRENEURS. JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, A GROUP KNOWN AS MISSION
13 ASSET FUND, THEY'RE AN ORGANIZATION PARTNERING WITH NONPROFITS
14 THROUGHOUT THE U.S. THEY PROVIDED OVER 10,000 LOANS AND HAD A
15 DEFAULT RATE OF LESS THAN 0.7 PERCENT, WHICH IS VERY LOW. SO
16 THAT'S A MYTHBUSTER, IN MY OPINION. AND THE ASIAN PACIFIC
17 CONSORTIUM FOR EMPLOYMENT, SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW THEM AS
18 P.A.C.E. THIS IS A DIFFERENT P.A.C.E. THEY FOUND THAT THEIR
19 LOANS IN ONE YEAR LED TO THE CREATION OF OVER 400 JOBS. AND
20 THEY DO MICRO LOANS. AND THEY HELP SMALL BUSINESSES, MEN AND
21 WOMEN. WHEN BORROWERS ARE PROVIDED AMPLE TECHNICAL AND
22 FINANCIAL SUPPORT AS A PART OF A MICRO LOAN PROGRAM, THEY CAN
23 SUCCEED. AND WHILE WE'RE DEVELOPING THE PROGRAM OF THE
24 ENTREPRENEUR CENTER, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I CAME ACROSS WAS
25 THE NEED FOR DIVERSE SOURCES OF FUNDING, LENDING SOURCES THAT

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1 DON'T DISCRIMINATE AND THAT ACTUALLY HELP TO LIFT PEOPLE UP
2 BECAUSE THEY WILL MAKE BETTER DECISIONS. AND WHILE THERE ARE
3 MICROLOAN PROGRAMS OUT THERE, THEY CAN HAVE LIMITATIONS,
4 ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT ARE FEDERALLY FUNDED. THIS INDICATES
5 THAT WE NEED TO EXPLORE WAYS TO REACH A BROADER SEGMENT OF OUR
6 POTENTIAL BORROWERS. AND I'D LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT AS WE LOOK
7 INTO DEVELOPING A MICROLOAN PROGRAM, WE HELP IDENTIFY THOSE
8 DIVERSE FUNDING SOURCES THAT DO EXIST OUT THERE WITHOUT
9 LIMITATIONS. MICROLOANS ARE A TRIED AND TESTED APPROACH TO
10 HELPING COMMUNITIES REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. AND I HAVE TO
11 JUST SAY, SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS SERVING IN THE STATE
12 SENATE, THAT FAR BACK, I REMEMBER COMING ACROSS THE P.A.C.E.
13 PROGRAM. THEY OPENED UP A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTER IN THE
14 CITY OF EL MONTE. AND I WAS AMAZED TO SEE SO MANY YOUNG WOMEN,
15 MANY OF THEM REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS, THAT WERE TRAINED ON HOW
16 TO SAVE, HOW TO EXPAND THEIR BUSINESSES. AND MANY OF THEM
17 AFTER THAT PAID BACK THEIR LOANS AND WERE ABLE TO EXPAND. AND
18 THAT HISTORY OF THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM CONTINUES TODAY. SO I AM
19 HONORED THAT WE HAVE COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS LIKE THAT THAT ARE
20 OUT THERE HELPING US, AND NOW WE CAN PARTNER WITH THEM ON A
21 CLOSER AND MORE INTIMATE BASIS TO HELP THE PEOPLE THAT WE ALL
22 KNOW NEED THAT SUPPORT. I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM JOE
23 AND MONIQUE, SO I'LL LET MY COAUTHOR OR MEMBERS ASK QUESTIONS
24 OR MAKE A STATEMENT, AND THEN WE'LL GO RIGHT INTO HEARING FROM
25 OUR DEPARTMENTS.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
5 TO THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I
6 SIMPLY WANT TO SAY MANY SMALL AND MICRO BUSINESS OWNERS
7 STRUGGLE WITH OBTAINING MUCH-NEEDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM
8 TRADITIONAL LENDING SOURCES. I EXPECT THAT THIS REPORT-BACK
9 WILL FURTHER SHAPE HOW THE COUNTY CAN BEST SUPPORT THESE
10 BUSINESSES BECAUSE, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS INDICATED, THEY DO
11 MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MIGHT I JUST ADD THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF
12 ALTRUISM. THIS IS A MATTER OF COMMON SENSE BUSINESS PRACTICES
13 THAT MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER. MAKE THEM STRONGER. SO I SEE
14 MICRO LOANS AS ANOTHER TOOL IN THE TOOLBOX TO SUPPORT A
15 GROWING ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITY, A TOOL THAT POTENTIALLY CAN
16 STEER OUR CONSTITUENTS AWAY FROM PAYDAY LOANS, FROM ONLINE
17 LENDING, AND OTHER PREDATORY PRODUCTS. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY
18 ABOUT SELF-SUFFICIENCY, SELF-DETERMINATION, PRINCIPLES THAT WE
19 ALL CELEBRATE. AND A TOOL THAT CAN PROVIDE SEED FUNDING TO NOT
20 JUST START BUT TO POTENTIALLY SUSTAIN SMALL BUSINESS
21 ENTERPRISE. SO I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S INTEREST IN ALL OF THE
22 INVOLVED DEPARTMENTS. COLLECTIVE ATTENTION, CREATIVITY, AND
23 SUPPORT GIVEN TO THIS MATTER WILL YIELD CONCRETE RESULTS AS A
24 MATTER OF OUR EXPANDING OUR PORTFOLIO. THE COUNTY IS BECOMING
25 MORE AND MORE ROBUST AND CREATIVE RATHER THAN TRADITIONAL. AND

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1 TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, WE WILL FIND OURSELVES
2 APACE WITH THE DYNAMISM OF THE MARKETPLACE MAKING A HUGE
3 IMPACT. SO ONCE AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
4 LEADERSHIP IN THIS REGARD. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THE
5 OPPORTUNITY.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAY I ALSO SAY THANK YOU TO
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HIGHLIGHTING THIS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
9 THOMAS FOR BEING THE COAUTHOR. YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS IN
10 CONGRESS, I SAT ON THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE. AND OVER AND
11 OVER AGAIN, WE HEARD ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES FOR SMALL
12 BUSINESSES, BUT PARTICULARLY FOR THESE REALLY, REALLY SMALL
13 BUSINESSES, WAS ACCESS TO CAPITAL BECAUSE WE KNOW WHEN THEY
14 GET ACCESS TO CAPITAL, THAT'S WHEN THEY CAN EXPAND. THAT'S
15 WHEN THEY CAN BEGIN TO HIRE. AND THEY REALLY DO BECOME THE
16 BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY. AND MANY TIMES, BANK LOANS ARE OUT OF
17 REACH FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A TRACK RECORD OF
18 CREDIT. AND UNFORTUNATELY, BANKS DON'T FACTOR IN HARD WORK,
19 LONG HOURS, THAT KIND OF RESILIENCE THAT IT TAKES TO BUILD A
20 BUSINESS FROM SCRATCH. BUT I THINK WE IN THE COUNTY WILL. AND
21 THESE MICROLOAN PROGRAMS ARE ABOUT GIVING SOMEONE TO START
22 THEIR BUSINESS OR TO EXPAND IT. AND BY PAYING BACK THE LOAN,
23 THEY CAN BUILD THE KIND OF CREDIT NEEDED TO BORROW EVEN MORE
24 CAPITAL TO GROW IN THE FUTURE. THESE BUSINESSES REALLY ARE
25 TRUE ECONOMIC ENGINES. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR

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1 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR RECOGNIZING THAT AND
2 HIGHLIGHTING THAT. AND AT THIS POINT, LET'S HEAR FROM OUR
3 DEPARTMENTS.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY
7 ADDRESS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. IF I MAY, I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE
8 JUST SOME BRIEF CONTEXT. ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT BY THE
9 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, OR THE S.B.A., NEARLY THE 90
10 PERCENT OF SMALL BUSINESSES REPORT THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF
11 ACCESS TO CAPITAL OR CREDIT IS A MAJOR PROBLEM. AND THAT MAKES
12 SENSE BECAUSE SMALL BUSINESS BANK LENDING IS DOWN MORE THAN 20
13 PERCENT SINCE THE GREAT RECESSION. THE COMMISSION AS AN AGENCY
14 HAS BEEN A LENDER TO SMALL WOMEN AND/OR MINORITY-OWNED
15 BUSINESSES IN PARTICULARLY LOW AND MODERATE INCOME COMMUNITIES
16 FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES. WE PROVIDED CAPITAL TO HUNDREDS OF
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESSES AND LENT MORE THAN \$112 MILLION.
18 BUT OUR AVERAGE LOAN SIZE IS BETWEEN \$100,000 AND \$500,000. SO
19 TODAY, THOUGH WE HAVE A VERY SUCCESSFUL LOAN PORTFOLIO, WE ARE
20 NOT A MICRO LENDER AND FAR FROM IT. THE DEFINITION OF
21 MICROLOANS VARY, BUT TYPICALLY IN THE UNITED STATES, WE'RE
22 TALKING ABOUT LOANS AS LOW AS A FEW HUNDRED OR A FEW THOUSAND
23 DOLLARS AND AS HIGH AS ABOUT \$50,000.00 THESE SMALL TYPES OF
24 LOANS ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS AND VIABILITY OF
25 SMALL WOMEN AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES. THESE LOANS PROVIDE

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1 STARTUP FUNDS FOR NEW BUSINESSES OR WORKING CAPITAL FOR
2 EXISTING BUSINESSES. THESE FUNDS COVER PAYROLL FOR CONTRACTORS
3 WHO ARE MOVING BETWEEN JOBS. THESE LOANS REPAIR OR REPLACE
4 EQUIPMENT THAT SOMETIMES MEANS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
5 OPERATING OR CLOSING YOUR DOORS. THESE LOANS COULD BE SEED
6 CAPITAL TO OBTAIN A NEW ACCOUNT OR A NEW CLIENT. BUT THE DATA
7 SHOWS THAT SMALL WOMEN AND/OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES,
8 PARTICULARLY THOSE IN COMMUNITIES, ARE CONTINUOUSLY CUT OUT OF
9 THE TRADITIONAL LENDING MECHANISMS, AND THESE MARKETS EITHER
10 DO NOT OFFER MICROLOANS OR OFFER THEM AT UNREASONABLE RATES
11 AND UNREASONABLE TERMS. THE S.B.A. LOANS TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN
12 BORROWERS DECLINED 47 PERCENT BETWEEN 2009 AND 2013, EVEN AS
13 THE OVERALL S.B.A. LOAN PORTFOLIO INCREASED BY 25 PERCENT. AND
14 C.N.B.C. REPORTED LAST YEAR THAT WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES
15 OBTAINED NEARLY 50 PERCENT LESS IN CAPITAL FUNDING THAN THEIR
16 MALE COUNTERPARTS. AND LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHY
17 THIS MATTERS. BETWEEN 2007 AND 2017, MINORITY-OWNED SMALL
18 BUSINESSES GREW BY 79 PERCENT, ABOUT 10 TIMES FASTER THAN THE
19 OVERALL GROWTH RATE FOR U.S. SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE SAME
20 TIMEFRAME. AND ACCORDING TO THE MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
21 AGENCY, MINORITY-OWNED FIRMS, LOCATED IN PREDOMINANTLY
22 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND COMMUNITIES SUFFERING FROM
23 DISINVESTMENT, EMPLOYED 4.7 MILLION PEOPLE WITH AN ANNUAL
24 PAYROLL TOTALING \$115 BILLION. THESE BUSINESSES ARE MORE
25 LIKELY TO HIRE LOCALLY, TO INVEST IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND TO

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1 LEVERAGE LOCAL LOCALLY SOURCED LABOR, VENDORS, CONTRACTORS.
2 THE ECONOMIC RIPPLE EFFECT IS SIGNIFICANT AND CLEAR. AND IT
3 CAN ALL START WITH THESE TYPES OF SMALL INVESTMENTS OR
4 MICROLOANS. IN TERMS OF BEST PRACTICES, THERE ARE SOME CLEAR
5 THEMES LIKE THE UTILIZATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
6 AND LENDERS AS THE DIRECT LENDOR, INCLUDING TECHNICAL
7 ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING AND OFFERING MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES.
8 BUT I THINK THE REAL POWER IN THIS MOTION IS IT PROVIDES US
9 THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY BEST PRACTICE MODELS ALL AROUND THE
10 UNITED STATES, RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND, FRANKLY, TO
11 ALSO LOOK AT SOME OUTSTANDING MODELS ABROAD IN PLACES LIKE THE
12 CONTINENT OF AFRICA. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO
13 REPORT BACK ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **JOE NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS
18 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JOE NICCHITTA, THE DIRECTOR OF
19 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. I'M EXCITED THIS MORNING TO
20 TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE EAST L.A. ENTREPRENEUR CENTER. I
21 THINK THE VISION FOR THE CENTER IS SIMPLE, TO SUPPORT NEW AND
22 EXISTING ENTREPRENEURS AS THEY MOVE THROUGH THE DIFFERENT
23 STAGES OF THE BUSINESS CYCLE, TO BUILD ECONOMIC WEALTH IN THE
24 COMMUNITY, TO AVOID SMALL BUSINESS DISPLACEMENT, AND TO DO IT
25 IN A PERSONALIZED AND CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT

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1 MANNER. EAST L.A. IS THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTIES' DENSEST
2 URBAN AREAS, AND IT HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATIONS OF
3 SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY
4 THERE IS EXTRAORDINARILY DIVERSE AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS
5 MENTIONED. A LARGE AND VARIED IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY HELPS DRIVE
6 THE ECONOMIC ENGINE OF THE AREA. BUT THERE'S ALSO THE NATIVE
7 EAST LOSS ANGELENOS WITH THEIR OWN CULTURE AND ATTITUDE THAT
8 HELPS DEFINE THAT COMMUNITY, AS WELL. SO IN OUR EXPERIENCE,
9 THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY DESIRES A HANDS-ON ASSISTANCE
10 FROM REAL PEOPLE THAT KNOW THE ECONOMY AND THE UNIQUE
11 CHALLENGES THAT THE BUSINESSES THERE ARE FACING. AND A GREAT
12 STRENGTH OF THE CENTER IS THAT IT IS SITTING IN THE HEART OF
13 THE COMMUNITY WITH EXPERTS WHO CAN PROVIDE PERSONALIZED
14 SERVICES ON A BUSINESS BY BUSINESS. AND A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE
15 TYPE OF PERSONALIZED SERVICES THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE
16 CENTER IS MATCHING BUSINESSES WITH CAPITAL. THE SMALL BUSINESS
17 EXCHANGE, WHICH IS A WEEKLY PUBLICATION I ACTUALLY DO READ,
18 REPORTED IN FEBRUARY THAT SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ARE MOST
19 SATISFIED WITH, QUOTE, PERSONALIZED LENDING. IN OTHER WORDS, I
20 THINK AS MONIQUE MENTIONED, SENDING EVERY BUSINESS OWNER TO
21 THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WON'T WORK. SOME OWNERS
22 WON'T QUALIFY, OR THEY JUST DON'T NEED THAT MUCH CAPITAL FOR
23 WHERE THEY ARE AT IN THEIR BUSINESS. WE ALSO KNOW, AGAIN AS
24 MONIQUE MENTIONED, THAT MINORITY AND WOMEN SMALL BUSINESS
25 OWNERS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY DENIED CREDIT WHEN THEY APPLY

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1 FOR IT EVEN AFTER CONTROLLING FOR OTHER VARIABLES SUCH AS
2 BUSINESS CREDIT SCORES, PERSONAL WEALTH, AND REVENUES. AND SO
3 THE ENTREPRENEUR CENTER WILL PLAY HOST TO PARTNERS WHO CAN
4 PROVIDE ALL DIFFERENT TYPES OF CAPITAL FROM THE MORE
5 TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONAL OR S.B.A. LOANS TO MICROLOANS, PURE
6 LENDING, AND OTHER LOW COST OPTIONS. THE IMPORTANT THING IS
7 BUSINESSES CAN CHOOSE THE OPTION THAT BEST FITS THEIR
8 SITUATION AND NEED. AND THE DEMAND FOR LENDING IS THERE. THERE
9 ARE OVER, OUR DATA SHOWS OVER 1200 BUSINESSES IN EAST L.A.
10 THAT HAVE GROSS REVENUES OF LESS THAN \$250,000 ANNUALLY. AND
11 ALL OF THEM CAN STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THIS CENTER. SO BRIEFLY
12 SOME OTHER SERVICES THE CENTER WILL PROVIDE INCLUDE PRE-
13 VENTURE RESOURCES, SUCH AS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, CREDIT
14 REPAIR, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS, AND
15 CONNECTING BUSINESSES WITH QUALIFIED WORKERS. AND WE WILL WORK
16 WITH C.D.C. AND W.I.D.A.C.S. TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. AND
17 WE'RE CERTAINLY GRATEFUL FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THOSE
18 AGENCIES. WE WILL ALSO HELP BUSINESS OWNERS NAVIGATE THE
19 COMPLEXITIES OF COUNTY PERMITTING AND LICENSING WITHOUT HAVING
20 TO COME DOWNTOWN BY STANDING AT THE PERMIT PANEL WITH
21 REPRESENTATIVES FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC WORKS, AND REGIONAL
22 PLANNING. TO DATE, WE HAVE HAD PARTNERSHIP DISCUSSIONS WITH
23 THE S.B.A.'S SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, L.U.R.N., THE
24 LEADERSHIP FOR URBAN RENEWAL NETWORK, S.C.O.R.E, BET TZEDEK
25 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND OTHERS. SO IT'S A

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1 REALLY GOOD MIX OF PARTNERS PROVIDING A RANGE OF SERVICES TO
2 SUPPORT BUSINESSES AT DIFFERENT STAGES. AND IT'S CERTAINLY A
3 GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PILOT THIS TYPE OF DESIGN IN EAST L.A.
4 WHICH HAS A VERY DENSE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND A STRONG NEED.
5 AND IT'S A GOOD TIME TO BE HAVING THESE DISCUSSIONS. THERE'S A
6 NATURAL SYNERGY WITH COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
7 ALREADY UNDERWAY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CENTER CAN HELP CONNECT
8 BUSINESSES WITH A NUMBER OF OUR WORKFORCE INITIATIVES. AND
9 BUSINESSES THAT RECEIVE SERVICES AT THE CENTER WILL BE
10 COUNSELED ON CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE COUNTY IN
11 SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S 25 PERCENT SMALL BUSINESS UTILIZATION
12 GOAL. AND AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONED, FOR THOSE
13 BUSINESSES THAT ARE NOW ACCESSING HIGH COST LENDING, THEY'LL
14 BE PROVIDED AN OPTION TO ACCESS SOME LOWER COST LENDING TO
15 SUPPORT THEIR BUSINESSES. FINALLY, THE CENTER IS EXPECTED TO
16 SERVE SIDEWALK VENDORS WHO ARE LOOKING TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE
17 WITH NEW LAWS AND GROW THEIR BUSINESS. AND WE CAN CERTAINLY
18 TAILOR SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMING FOR WOMEN AND MINORITY-OWNED
19 BUSINESSES AND CERTAIN GROWTH SECTORS LIKE MICRO ENTERPRISE
20 KITCHENS OR FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA STARTUPS THAT ARE BEGINNING
21 TO POP UP IN THE AREA. WITH THAT, I'M CERTAINLY AVAILABLE FOR
22 ANY QUESTIONS.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT I'M
25 REALLY PLEASED TO HAVE WORKED WITH BOTH OF YOUR AGENCIES AS

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1 WELL AS W.I.D.A.C.S. THIS WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE IF
2 IT WASN'T OUR AGREEING TO AT LEAST EVEN BEGIN TO SIT DOWN AND
3 EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY, THIS MODEL, THAT I HOPE POTENTIALLY
4 WILL SERVE US WELL IN YEARS AHEAD. BUT THE WHOLE IDEA ABOUT
5 GIVING OUT MICROLOANS, I MEAN, MONIQUE, YOU MENTIONED EVEN THE
6 CONGO AND SOUTH AFRICA OR AFRICA, I WAS HEARING ABOUT
7 MICROLOAN PROGRAMS WHEN I WAS IN THE CONGRESS VISITING SOUTH
8 AMERICA AND LATIN AMERICA WHEN, YOU KNOW, BACK THERE ONLY \$200
9 MAYBE OR \$50 WOULD BE A MICROLOAN. BUT AFTER THAT, YOU CHANGE
10 THE WHOLE ENVIRONMENT, THE STRUCTURE OF EVEN THE FAMILY
11 BECAUSE NOW THERE'S OPPORTUNITY FOR, SAY, A MOTHER WHO'S
12 RAISING HER KIDS TO BE ABLE TO GROW HER BUSINESS OUT, SHARE
13 THAT WITH HER SIBLINGS AND HER CHILDREN. BUT THEN ALSO BECOME
14 MORE SELF-SUSTAINING. SO THE GOALS ARE THE SAME. BUT IT'S
15 REALLY POWERFUL TO BE ABLE TO FOCUS IT WITH ALL THE COUNTY
16 RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE, ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE GOING TO
17 COME TOGETHER AND BE CO-LOCATED AT THE MARAVILLA CENTRAL,
18 WHICH RIGHT NOW HOUSES MANY OF OUR COUNTY FACILITIES. WHAT A
19 PERFECT WAY FOR US TO THINK ABOUT BRINGING THESE PROGRAMS TO
20 YOUR COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOODS IN THOSE SAME STRUCTURES OR
21 FACILITIES. SO I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO
22 THANK MY STAFF FOR WORKING WITH THEM AND WITH US ON THIS. AND
23 HOPEFULLY WE MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. MONIQUE, I HAVE TO REALLY COMMEND YOU.
3 THE VISION WORKING WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS WITH C.D.C., YOU ARE
4 A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. YOU'RE LOOKING BEYOND WHAT WE'VE
5 TRADITIONALLY LOOKED AT IN TERMS OF MODELS OF WHAT C.D.C.
6 SHOULD BE DOING. I COMMEND YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I
8 THINK IT WILL BE NOT ONLY GREAT FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND BUT
9 ALSO, I THINK, COUNTY-WIDE. ONE OF MY QUESTIONS, WE HAVE THE
10 INCUBATOR IN ALTADENA. I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE IT'S UNDERUTILIZED.
11 SO I'M HOPING THAT AS WE DO PROGRAMS LIKE THIS WHERE YOU'VE
12 GOT SMALL BUSINESSES THAT MAY BENEFIT AND EVEN ESPECIALLY
13 WOMEN THAT MAY NOT BE AWARE OF IT, MAYBE WE NEED TO RE-IMAGINE
14 OUR INCUBATORS MOVING FORWARD USING THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY. I
15 KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THINGS, AND I THINK I'M GOING TO BE
16 BRINGING A MOTION FORWARD AS IT RELATES TO LOW INCOME LOANS,
17 THE POSSIBILITY FOR LOW INCOME LOANS FOR MOBILE HOME PARK OR
18 INDIVIDUALS THAT WANT TO BUY MOBILE HOMES THAT RIGHT NOW WITH
19 A TRADITIONAL LOAN ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BECAUSE OF THE
20 INTEREST RATE. BUT I THINK THAT WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES. AND I
21 THINK THE REUSE AND HOW YOU'RE RE-ENVISIONING THE USE IN THE
22 FIRST DISTRICT IS SOMETHING THAT MAYBE WE WANT TO LOOK AT
23 COUNTY-WIDE BECAUSE I THINK THERE MAY BE LOST OPPORTUNITIES,
24 AT LEAST WITH OUR INCUBATOR. AND USING THIS AS A MODEL I THINK
25 IS A GREAT IDEA. SO I JUST WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND JOE, THIS

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1 IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, WORKING OUTSIDE OF SILOS AND
2 COMMUNICATING AND REALLY LEVERAGING EVERYTHING THE COUNTY HAS
3 TO OFFER. AGAIN KUDOS FOR YOU BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND I
4 LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK HOW WE CAN TAKE THIS TO THE
5 NEXT LEVEL. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR OUR
8 DEPARTMENT HEADS BY MY COLLEAGUES? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW,
9 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
10 THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
13 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
14 NAME, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CLAUDIA SHAH. DENNIS WRIGHT.
15 MARIBEL GARCIA. DIEGO CARTAGENA, IOSEFA ALOFAITULI, AND
16 RACHELLE ARIZMENDI, JANE DOE, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, REV. DR.
17 MELLO DESIRE, DARRELL KRUSE, AND VICTOR TRUJILLO. PLEASE COME
18 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELCOME. COME ON UP. SIT DOWN.
21 MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME. GOOD MORNING.

22

23 **CLAUDIA SHAH:** GOOD MORNING.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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1

2 **CLAUDIA SHAH:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE
3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE, GOOD MORNING.
4 MY NAME IS CLAUDIA SHAH. AND ON BEHALF OF THE SMALL BUSINESS
5 DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, THE S.B.D.C., WE THANK YOU FOR THE
6 OPPORTUNITY OF HELPING OUR COMMUNITY IN EAST L.A. BY INVITING
7 THE S.B.D.C. TO PROVIDE OUR FREE ONE-ON-ONE ADVICE AND
8 SERVICES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AT THE ENTREPRENEUR CENTER. THE
9 S.B.D.C. EAST L.A. IS COMMITTED TO HELP THE LATINO COMMUNITY
10 MAINLY BY PROVIDING THE FREE WORKSHOPS AND FREE ADVISING ON
11 ONE-ON-ONE MAINLY IN SPANISH. AND WE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON
12 LICENSES, PERMITS, GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING, HOW TO INCREASE
13 SALES. AND WE HELP THEM WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY AND
14 BE ABLE TO ACCESS CAPITAL. SINCE THE START OF THE INITIATIVE
15 IN EAST L.A. IN 2015, WE HAVE HELPED AROUND 300 SMALL EXISTING
16 BUSINESSES, HELPED START 70 NEW BUSINESSES, AND PROVIDED
17 AROUND 179 DIFFERENT TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS, WHICH 112 OF
18 THOSE WORKSHOPS WERE MAINLY IN SPANISH. WE HAVE TRAINED AROUND
19 1300 ATTENDEES AND GAVE 4 MILLION DOLLARS IN ACCESS TO CAPITAL
20 TO THE SMALL BUSINESSES. THE ENTREPRENEUR CENTER WILL HELP US
21 CONTINUE WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO THE LATINO COMMUNITY IN A
22 SPACE THAT IS ADEQUATE FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND WHERE
23 THEY CAN FEEL A PROFESSIONAL AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT TO
24 DISCUSS THEIR SMALL BUSINESS NEEDS. WE THANK AGAIN THE

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1 OPPORTUNITY ESPECIALLY TO SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR BRINGING
2 THIS MOTION TO THE TABLE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **DENNIS WRIGHT:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DENNIS WRIGHT. I'M A S.C.O.R.E.
8 VOLUNTEER AND THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
9 OTHERS. I'M HERE TODAY TO VOICE MY SUPPORT, OUR SUPPORT, FOR
10 THE PROPOSED EAST LOS ANGELES ENTREPRENEUR CENTER. S.C.O.R.E.
11 IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOUNDED BY THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS
12 ADMINISTRATION BACK IN 1964. AND WE'RE FUNDED BY CONGRESS
13 THROUGH THE S.B.A. OUR MISSION IS TO HELP CREATE SUCCESSFUL
14 SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITIES. AND WE DO THAT BY PRODUCING
15 WORKSHOPS AND MENTORING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND THOSE WHO
16 ASPIRE TO BE, INDIVIDUALLY. LAST YEAR, OUR TWO S.C.O.R.E.
17 CHAPTERS SERVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDED NEARLY 13,000
18 TOTAL CLIENT SERVICES. BUT MORE TO THE POINT, WE'RE CREDITED
19 WITH HAVING HELPED START 302 NEW BUSINESSES AND CREATING 2665
20 NEW JOBS. NOW, I'M SURE MOST OF OF YOU KNOW, MANY SMALL
21 BUSINESSES WON'T MAKE IT BEYOND FIVE YEARS. BUT THE ODDS
22 CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY IN FAVOR OF SUCCESS IF A BUSINESS OWNER
23 HAS A MENTOR, SOMEONE THAT HE OR SHE CAN TURN TO FOR HELP WITH
24 THE CHALLENGES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT SMALL BUSINESS
25 OWNERS FACE DAILY. AND THAT'S WHAT WE OFFER. THAT ONE TO ONE

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1 HELP IS THERE. AND IT'S FREE. THAT BEING SAID, WE NEED ACCESS
2 TO COST-FREE VENUES WHERE WE CAN PROVIDE THESE SERVICES. SO
3 PARTNERING WITH THE CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT,
4 BEING ABLE TO OFFER S.C.O.R.E. SERVICES AT THE PROPOSED
5 ENTREPRENEUR CENTER WOULD BE A BIG STEP FORWARD IN TERMS OF
6 OUR REACHING OUR OBJECTIVES, AND I THINK YOURS, AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **DENNIS WRIGHT:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN
11 SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED ENTREPRENEUR CENTER.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MARIBEL GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MARIBEL GARCIA. AND
16 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LEADERSHIP FOR URBAN RENEWAL
17 NETWORK. L.U.R.N. IS A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
18 ORGANIZATION BASED IN BOYLE HEIGHTS THAT SPECIALIZES IN
19 ADVOCACY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LOW INCOME URBAN
20 NEIGHBORHOODS. ONE OF OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WHICH
21 WE BELIEVE VALUABLE TO THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER IS OUR
22 SIMIA, OUR SEED FUND MICROLOAN PROGRAM. OUR MICROLOAN IS
23 INNOVATIVE IN THE SENSE THAT IT IS THE DIRECT FRUIT OF THE
24 DEMAND OF THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE. IN WORKING WITH STREET
25 VENDORS, WE HEARD A CONSTANT DISSATISFACTION WITH THE LACK OF

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1 ACCESS TO HEALTHY CAPITAL WITH AN EMPHASIS ON HEALTHY. WE
2 DESIGNED OUR MICROLOAN PROGRAM FOR ENTREPRENEURS SUCH AS
3 STREET VENDORS THAT ARE CONSIDERED UNBANKABLE BY TRADITIONAL
4 LENDERS. WE COMPLEMENT OUR MICROLOAN WITH BUSINESS COACHING
5 DURING THE LIFE OF THE LOAN IN ORDER TO FOSTER LONGEVITY. IN
6 THE PAST THREE YEARS, WE'VE DEPLOYED OVER 300,000 TO LOW
7 INCOME ENTREPRENEURS AND SEEN NEARLY PERFECT REPAYMENT WITH 70
8 PERCENT OF BUSINESS OWNERS PAYING MORE THAN THEIR MONTHLY
9 MINIMUM. OUR MICROLOAN PROGRAM DEMONSTRATES THAT ENTREPRENEURS
10 ON THE FRINGE ARE WORTH INVESTING IN. I'D LIKE TO TOUCH ON MY
11 EARLIER EMPHASIS ON ACCESS TO HEALTHY CAPITAL. WE FOCUS ON LOW
12 INCOME AREAS WITH A LACK OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. EAST LOS
13 ANGELES IS ONE OF THESE AREAS WITH A TOTAL OF FIVE BANKS. THE
14 LACK OF ACCESS HAS LED TO A SATURATION OF PREDATORY LENDERS
15 AND, IN TURN, A LACK OF OPPORTUNITY. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
16 EAST LOS ANGELES ENTREPRENEUR CENTER, WE'D LIKE TO SUPPORT
17 SMALL BUSINESS. WE'D LIKE TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHY
18 CAPITAL BY PROVIDING ENTREPRENEURS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT
19 A HEALTHY LOAN LOOKS LIKE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING
20 ONGOING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR BUSINESS COACHING FOR NEW AND
21 EXISTING BUSINESSES AND BUSINESS OWNERS THAT WALK THROUGH THE
22 DOORS OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES ENTREPRENEUR CENTER. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **DIEGO CARTAGENA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE
2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS DIEGO CARTAGENA. AND I'M WITH
3 BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES. I SERVE AS THEIR VICE PRESIDENT OF
4 LEGAL PROGRAMS. BET TZEDEK PROVIDES FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO
5 QUALIFYING CLIENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY INCLUDING TO LOW TO
6 MODERATE INCOME SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. WE PROVIDE FREE
7 PRESENTATIONS THAT PROVIDE THEM WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THEY NEED
8 TO BUILD THEIR BUSINESS. AND WE PROVIDE THEM WITH DIRECT
9 REPRESENTATION TO KNOCK DOWN LEGAL BARRIERS THAT THEY MAY BE
10 FACING AS THEY GROW AND DEVELOP THEIR BUSINESS. AS YOU KNOW,
11 SMALL BUSINESSES ARE A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR COMMUNITY'S
12 ECONOMIC GROWTH. CALIFORNIA'S 2018 SMALL BUSINESS PROFILE
13 PREPARED BY THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION NOTES THAT
14 99.8 PERCENT OF ALL BUSINESSES IN CALIFORNIA ARE SMALL
15 BUSINESSES. AND THAT THEY EMPLOY 48.8 PERCENT OF EMPLOYEES.
16 BET TZEDEK SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM HAS WITNESSED
17 THE BIRTH OF A SMALL BUSINESS RENAISSANCE IN EAST LOS ANGELES
18 WITH CLIENTS AS DIVERSE AS COMMUNITY ART SPACE CO-OPS AND
19 SOCIAL MEDIA CONSULTANTS FOCUSED ON CATERING TO LATINO
20 BUSINESSES FLOURISHING. THESE SMALL BUSINESSES NEED HELP,
21 HOWEVER, TO ADDRESS THE MYRIAD LEGAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN
22 STARTING AND RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS. THERE'S NO BETTER
23 WAY TO ADDRESS THIS NEED FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN EAST LOS
24 ANGELES THAN HAVING A SPACE SUCH AS THE ENTREPRENEUR CENTER
25 WHERE AGENCIES LIKE BET TZEDEK CAN HOLD OFFICE HOURS, PROVIDE

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1 PRESENTATIONS, AND HELP ENTREPRENEURS BUILD THEIR DREAMS. THIS
2 IS A KEY MOMENT FOR THE COUNTY TO INVEST IN THE COMMUNITY BY
3 BUILDING A SPACE WHERE BUSINESS PLANNING, FINANCIAL, AND FREE
4 LEGAL SERVICES FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS CAN BE SECURED UNDER
5 ONE ROOF. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **ANDREA GIESE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANDREA
10 GIESE. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF RACHELLE ARIZMENDI. I'M THE
11 DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AT P.A.C.E. WE'RE A NONPROFIT
12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION THAT HAS WORKED WITH LOW
13 INCOME COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 40 YEARS. FOR TODAY'S REMARKS, I
14 WANT TO FOCUS ON OUR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MICROLOAN
15 PROGRAM. SINCE 1992, WE HAVE HELPED OVER 41,000 BUSINESSES
16 THROUGH TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ACCESS TO
17 CAPITAL. FIRST, I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR MAKING THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT'S
19 AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT
20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH JOB CREATION, JOB RETENTION, AND
21 BUSINESS STIMULATION ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE ARE VERY FEW
22 MICROLOAN PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY AND MANY OF THE FEDERAL
23 DOLLARS THAT WE WORK WITH ARE RESTRICTIVE. WE WORK WITH SMALL
24 BUSINESSES OWNED BY LOW INCOME IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES, ASYLEES,
25 AND ETHNIC MINORITIES. AND MANY OF OUR CLIENTS ARE NEW TO THE

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1 U.S. THEY HAVE LIMITED ENGLISH ABILITY, LITTLE TO NO CREDIT
2 HISTORY, AND HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO CAPITAL. ONE OF OUR
3 SUCCESSFUL MICROLOAN CLIENTS IS MR. ZHANG. HE IS AN ASYLEE
4 FROM CHINA AND FIRST CAME TO P.A.C.E. IN 2013 TO EXPAND THE
5 TRANSPORTATION OF HIS COSMETIC PRODUCT. HE INITIALLY SECURED A
6 \$9500 LOAN AND THEN LATER A SECOND LOAN THROUGH P.A.C.E. TO
7 EXPAND HIS FLEET OF TRACTORS. HIS BUSINESS GROWTH HAS BEEN
8 TREMENDOUS. HIS REVENUE HAS GROWN FROM \$15,000 IN 2015 TO OVER
9 \$900,000 IN 2018. ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY IS DR. IGENE WU, WHO
10 RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO FOCUS ON UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND
11 THOSE PATIENTS RECEIVING MEDI-CAL. IN 2018, SHE WAS APPROVED
12 FOR A \$50,000 LOAN TO EXPAND HER BUSINESS INTO A LOW INCOME
13 COMMUNITY AND SINCE THEN HAS CREATED THREE NEW JOBS AND
14 PROVIDE CRITICAL CARE FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS. THESE ARE JUST
15 TWO EXAMPLES OF HOW MICROLOANS CAN HELP ECONOMICALLY
16 STRENGTHEN AND BUILD OUR COMMUNITIES. AND WE STRONGLY
17 RECOMMEND THAT YOU SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO CREATE A COUNTY-WIDE
18 MICROLOAN PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21
22 **IOSEFA ALOFAITULI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SOLIS FOR
24 MOVING THIS MOTION FORWARD. MY NAME IS IOSEFA ALOFAITULI. AND
25 I'M WITH OPPORTUNITY FUND. AND AS THE LARGEST NONPROFIT

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1 MICROFINANCE LENDOR TO SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE U.S., WE
2 BELIEVE IN AN INCLUSIVE ECONOMY WHERE HARD WORKING, TALENTED,
3 RESILIENT SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE ACCESS TO FAIR AND RESPONSIBLE
4 PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF OUR
5 ENTREPRENEURS IN L.A. AND THROUGHOUT THE U.S. ARE ON THE WRONG
6 SIDE OF THE OPPORTUNITY GAP. THEY ARE TOLD NO MORE OFTEN THAN
7 YES. BANKS SAY NO TO OUR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS 8,000 TIMES
8 EACH AND EVERY DAY. AND FOR THOSE THAT ARE TOLD NO, THE
9 ALTERNATIVE LENDING MARKET CAN BE UNSCRUPULOUS. WE FOUND THAT
10 THROUGH OUR RESEARCH, THE AVERAGE A.P.R. ON THESE ALTERNATIVE
11 LOANS IS 94 PERCENT. AND IT'S EVEN MORE CONCERNING FOR THOSE
12 OF COLOR, IMMIGRANTS, LOW TO MODERATE INCOME, AND WOMEN. THAT
13 IS JUST NOT FAIR OR RESPONSIBLE. SO, WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE
14 SUPPORT THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER BECAUSE, AS A MICRO
15 LENDER, WE REALIZE THAT IT TAKES A VILLAGE, A COMMUNITY, A
16 CENTER LIKE THIS TO BRING DIFFERENT PARTNERS TOGETHER THAT
17 PROVIDE BOTH ADVISING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND CAPITAL. LAST
18 YEAR, WE SAID YES OVER 880 TIMES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
19 AND WE INVESTED 25 MILLION DOLLARS AS OPPORTUNITY FUND. BUT WE
20 REALIZED THAT THE P.A.C.E.S, THE S.B.D.C.S, THE S.C.O.R.E.S
21 ARE ALSO NEED TODAY HELPING ENHANCE THIS ECOSYSTEM SO WE CAN
22 SAY YES TO THAT TACO VENDOR WHO'S MOVING FROM A CART TO A
23 TRUCK TO BRICKS AND MORTAR, TO OUR DAYCARE PROVIDE WHO IS
24 IMPROVING THEIR FACILITIES TO BRING IN MORE CLIENTELE AND

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1 SUPPORT MORE KIDS IN HER COMMUNITY, AND TO SUPPORT MORE OF OUR
2 CAR SUPPORT VENDORS WHO ARE -- THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU NEED TO CALL MORE
5 PEOPLE UP?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD ERIC PREVEN PLEASE
8 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** HI, MY NAME IS VICTOR TRUJILLO. THIS MAN SAID
13 SOMETHING SO BEAUTIFUL, I'M SHOCKED THAT HE GAVE AND LENDED
14 MONEY. I ACTUALLY SPECIALIZED IN -- WHEN I STARTED THE CARRY
15 BUSINESS IN THE '80S WITH MY DAD. AND I MOVED ON THROUGH LIFE.
16 BUT AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, YOU KNOW, THEN I COME HERE TO THE
17 CITY, AND I ASK FOR SOMETHING. AND I TOLD THEM, YOU KNOW,
18 SOMEONE FORGED MY DOCUMENTS. THEY DENIED ME. IT WAS CONSUMER
19 AFFAIRS. THESE SCRUPLES, MY HANDS WERE SHATTERED AND BROKEN IN
20 JAIL. I COULDN'T MOVE MY FINGERS. I COULDN'T DRAW. WITHIN THAT
21 WEEK, CONSUMER AFFAIRS APPROVED THE SIGNATURE. AND THIS WAS
22 DONE. AND I HAD A MILLION DOLLAR POLICY. AND BARGER'S GROUP
23 DIDN'T HELP ME. SOLIS'S -- THE GUY THAT RUNS L.A. EAST L.A. IS
24 WORKING FOR SOLIS NOW. SO I HAD A LOOK AT THE TEAMS LIKE THE
25 SHERIFF SAID, THERE'S TEAMS OF COMMAND. WE'VE GOT TO GET THE

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1 MOLD OUT OF OUR, WE'VE GOT TO GET THE MAFIA OUT OF BUSINESS
2 CONSUMER AFFAIRS. IF THE MAN CAN'T RECOGNIZE I WAS U.S.C.
3 HOSPITAL, I SCRIBBLED, I WAS IN A COMA THREE TIMES, AND THEY
4 STOLE MY PROPERTY. AND I JUST FOUND THE PROPERTY STOLEN BY
5 UNCLE WAS DONE BY L.A.P.D., SOLIS FAMILY. I TAKE THAT BACK.
6 NOT YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. TRUJILLO, MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON THE ITEM.
9 STAY ON THE ITEM. THIS IS ABOUT MICROLOANS.

10

11 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** THE ITEM IS THAT WHEN YOU START WORKING IN
12 ORGANIZED CRIME AND YOU PUT MOLES AND YOU START WORKING WITH
13 THESE PEOPLE, YOU BRING BUSINESS CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND THEY
14 APPROVED THE SIGNATURE. I LOST MY PROPERTIES. MY DAUGHTERS,
15 EVERYBODY, I WENT TO JAIL. I WAS IN A COMA. YOU GUYS GOT THIS
16 RULE TO BRING BUSINESS CONSUMER AFFAIRS AS A NICE, AND THEY'RE
17 WORKING FOR THE MOB WHEN I COULD NOT MOVE MY HANDS. AND THE
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE, SHE KEPT ON SAYING OH, IT DIDN'T DO
19 NOTHING. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M VERY CLOSE. I'M GOING TO
20 FIND OUT WHO TALKED TO HER. BECAUSE EVERYTHING'S A LEACH. YOU
21 DO NOT KILL A MAN IN JAIL AND FORGE HIS NAME AND STEAL HIS
22 REAL ESTATE. AND YOU'RE SITTING BUSINESS CONSUMER AFFAIRS IS
23 LAUGHING AT MY DAUGHTERS AND MY FAMILY. AND I SEE THESE
24 REPRESENTATIVES DOING NOTHING ABOUT IT BUT JUST SIT THERE.
25 THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS. LET'S GO BACK TO THE ITEM WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I REALLY APPRECIATE THE PROGRAM YOU
10 WANT TO INNOVATE. I THINK THE MAIN THING IS REALLY NOT TO BE A
11 9 TO 5. I THINK YOU HAVE TO HAVE HOURS WHERE PEOPLE WHO ARE
12 TRYING TO HANDLE, YOU KNOW, RAISING MONEY, WORKING, AND SO ON
13 TO GET THE INFORMATION THEY NEED. AND I THINK THOSE MICROLOANS
14 ARE VERY IMPORTANT. IT IS ALSO TO TEACH INDIVIDUALS HOW MUCH
15 THEY CAN DO WITH THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY. MANY TIMES PEOPLE DON'T
16 REALIZE THAT YOU NEED VERY LITTLE TO GET STARTED AND SO ON. SO
17 I THINK THAT TAKING TIME TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO USE THAT
18 MONEY, HOW MUCH THEY CAN DO AND SO ON. AND REALLY BE OPEN ON
19 WEEKEND. MAYBE NOT EVERY WEEKEND, BUT ONE WEEKEND A MONTH OR
20 SOMETHING, AND AFTER 5. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD POINT.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, SHE'S RIGHT. WE'RE THINKING ABOUT
25 SATURDAYS, TOO, BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE WORK.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **DARRELL KRUSE:** YEAH, HI.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HI.

7

8 **DARRELL KRUSE:** I'M DARRELL KRUSE. YOU KNOW, I'M A C.P.A.

9 INACTIVE. WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE, I WORKED WITH -- WELL, WORKED

10 WITH SOME SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE WHO HAD THEIR S.C.O.R.E.

11 PROGRAMS. AND AFTER THAT, WE WENT INTO PRIVATE BUSINESS WITH

12 PEOPLE. AND THEN EVENTUALLY, I DECIDED TO START A SMALL

13 BUSINESS BACK WHEN I HAD -- AFTER A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS, I HAD

14 TOO MANY DOLLARS AND NOT ENOUGH SENSE. SO I GOT INTO THE

15 MARIJUANA BUSINESS, CANNABIS BUSINESS. AND I DIDN'T NEED A

16 WHOLE LOT OF FUNDING OR ANYTHING. I JUST HAD MY MONEY. AND ALL

17 I WANTED TO DO WAS START MY BUSINESS. AND THE PROBLEM IS THE

18 GOVERNMENT. I THINK IF THE GOVERNMENT JUST STAYS OUT OF IT,

19 YOU CAN DO YOUR BUSINESS. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT GETS INVOLVED,

20 THEY DESTROY EVERYTHING. I'M SURE THIS IS JUST A WAY FOR YOU

21 AGAIN TO FUNNEL YOUR MONEY TO SOMEBODY OTHER THAN ME BECAUSE

22 THERE AIN'T NOBODY DONE A [EXPLETIVE] THING FOR ME. I NOTICED

23 RICK VELASQUEZ WAS HERE. YOU COULD ASK HIM WHAT GOOD IT WAS

24 TO HAVE HIM COME TO MY DISPENSARY ON MAY 27TH, 2005. ASK HIM

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1 WHAT THE HELL HE WAS DOING THERE OTHER THAN DESTROYING MY
2 LIFE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. TRY TO STAY ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS
5 ABOUT MICROLOANS.

6

7 **DARRELL KRUSE:** WHAT WAS THAT?

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THIS IS ABOUT MICROLOANS.

10

11 **DARRELL KRUSE:** I AM ON TOPIC. THIS IS MY SMALL BUSINESS.
12 YOU'RE TRYING TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES. I HOPE YOU DON'T HELP
13 SMALL BUSINESSES THAT COMPETE WITH ME. I DON'T APPRECIATE IT.
14 ALL YOU PEOPLE HAVE DONE IS DESTROY MY LIFE. I ASKED YOU
15 NICELY FROM NOVEMBER OF 2004 UNTIL YOUR [EXPLETIVE] RICK
16 VELASQUEZ CAME THE MY DISPENSARY ON MAY 27TH, 2005.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN. YOU'RE NEXT.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
21 DISTRICT. I LIVE IN STUDIO CITY. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE
22 LEANING IN THE DIRECTION OF TRYING TO OFFER SOME HELP. I WILL
23 TAKE NOTE IT WAS LAST WEEK THAT WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE
24 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, WHICH IS NOT THE SAME BUT A SIMILAR PROGRAM
25 FOR FOLKS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET SOME HELP. BUT WHAT WE HAVE

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1 TO BE SURE OF IF WE DO MICROLOANS, BECAUSE YOU NEVER WANT TO
2 ADVISE SOMEONE TO BORROW MONEY IF THEY DON'T HAVE A STEADY WAY
3 TO PAY OFF THE LOAN, BECAUSE THEN IT GETS INTO A VERY MURKY
4 AREA WHERE WHAT LOOKED LIKE A LIFE RAFT TURNS OUT TO BE AN
5 ANVIL AROUND YOUR NECK. SO I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THE IDEA AND
6 CERTAINLY MAKING LOANS AVAILABLE TO POPULATIONS THAT HAVE A
7 HARDER TIME. THERE'S ALL SORTS OF THAT GOING ON ALL OVER THE
8 PLACE. CERTAINLY RIDLEY-THOMAS KNOWS THE JAMISON GROUP AND
9 THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH MR. HANKY, THE SUBPRIME LENDOR. THERE'S
10 LENDING. AND THERE'S LENDING. WE LIKE SMALL BUSINESS. WE WANT
11 THE HELP THEM. TODAY, YOU'VE GOT A MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESS
12 LITTLE FESTIVAL. AND YOU ALSO ARE CONSTANTLY OBVIOUSLY ALWAYS
13 WORKING WITH THE SOLE SOURCE GIANT COMPANIES TO MAKE SURE THEY
14 HAVE A PIECE OF THE PIE, THE LARGEST PIECE. SO LET'S GET IT
15 RIGHT AND TRY TO HELP THE LITTLE ONES.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. I BELIEVE THOSE ARE
18 ALL THE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DID YOU HAVE
19 ANY CLOSING REMARKS? OKAY. SO ITEMS 1-D, 5, AND 6 ARE BEFORE
20 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
22 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW, WE'RE ON ITEM
23 4, THE EXPLORATION OF A MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
24 PROGRAM FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONTRACTS. SUPERVISOR BARGER,
25 YOU HELD THIS ITEM. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT BECAUSE I KNOW WE'VE
3 GOT A LOT OF ITEMS BEFORE US. I WANTED TO THANK YOU,
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. COMING
5 ON THE HEELS OF WHAT WE JUST DISCUSSED, THE TIMING IS PERFECT.
6 I BELIEVE THAT WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN TO SUPPORT OUR SMALL,
7 MEDIUM, AND LARGE BUSINESSES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WAS
8 INTRIGUED BY L.A. METRO AND WHAT THEY DID WHEN THEY PUT
9 FORWARD A MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROGRAM AND SOUGHT
10 TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW TO APPROACH -- HOW THIS APPROACH
11 COULD WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY BUSINESSES SO THAT THEY COULD GROW.
12 SO THEY'RE NOT STUCK AT THE BOTTOM. AFTER WORKING WITH OUR
13 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
14 GROWTH IN OUR BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROGRAMS, WE DESIGNED A
15 CONCEPT THAT ALLOWS A LADDER OF GROWTH BETWEEN OUR VARIOUS
16 BUSINESS SIZES. THE INTENT OF THIS MOTION IS TO STRENGTHEN AND
17 ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITIES WITH A
18 FOCUS ON SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESSES THROUGH
19 ENHANCEMENTS TO COUNTY CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES AND EXISTING
20 BUSINESS SUPPORT STRUCTURES. THIS WILL INCLUDE EXPANDING THE
21 COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO INCLUDE THOSE LOCAL BUSINESSES ABOVE THE
22 SMALL BUSINESS THRESHOLD WHO WOULD NONETHELESS STILL STRUGGLE
23 TO COMPETITIVELY BID FOR COUNTY CONTRACTS AGAINST WELL-
24 ESTABLISHED LARGE FIRMS. THESE EFFORTS LOOK TO LEVERAGE
25 PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE A LADDER OF GROWTH THAT

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1 WILL HELP BUSINESSES GROW FROM SMALL TO MEDIUM AND FROM MEDIUM
2 TO LARGE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY HARNESS THE EXPERTISE OF THE LARGE
3 BUSINESS COMMUNITY BY ENCOURAGING PARTNERSHIPS WITH MEDIUM AND
4 SMALL BUSINESSES. IN THIS WAY, WE ARE CREATING MENTOR/PROTEGE
5 RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR VARIOUS BUSINESSES THAT WILL HELP
6 EACH LEVERAGE OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN CONTRACTS WITHIN THE
7 COUNTY. WE ARE ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
8 AFFAIRS TO REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS WITH AN ANALYSIS AND
9 PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR A LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LADDER OF
10 GROWTH PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTS GROWTH FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS
11 ENTERPRISES AND MEDIUM BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ALONG WITH
12 BUSINESS CONTINUUM. IN THIS PROCESS, WE WILL DEVELOP A
13 DEFINITION OF MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES AND ASSESS FEASIBILITY
14 OF IMPLEMENTING AND INCENTIVIZING PROGRAMS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE
15 LARGE ENTERPRISES TO PARTNER WITH MEDIUM AND SMALL BUSINESSES.
16 WE WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL NEED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE
17 CHANGES AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS TO SUPPORT THIS NEW
18 PROGRAM. I THINK THIS IS A WIN/WIN. IT'S A WIN FOR THE SMALL
19 BUSINESSES THAT REAL DO I WANT TO GROW BUT KNOW THEY CAN'T
20 COMPETE WITH THE LARGE BUSINESSES ON R.F.P.S. AND IT WILL
21 REALLY FOSTER GOOD WILL ACROSS-THE-BOARD WITH THE SMALL
22 BUSINESS COMMUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE A PART OF L.A.
23 COUNTY. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE COAUTHORING.
24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. DO YOU
2 WANT TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
5 BOTH THE AUTHOR AND THE COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN RESPECTIVELY. I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT
7 THIS INITIATIVE PRESENTS A CREATIVE AND NECESSARY STRATEGY FOR
8 THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR DIVERSE BUSINESS
9 COMMUNITY. IT SHOWS A LOT OF INSIGHT AND WILLINGNESS TO EXPAND
10 THE PIE, IF YOU WILL. I WANT TO SAY THAT BUSINESSES OF ALL
11 SIZES AND DEMOGRAPHICS SHOULD BE A PART OF OUR ECONOMIC
12 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. AND WE SHOULD DO THAT WITH
13 INTENTIONALITY. SO TO THAT END, I EXPECT THAT THIS VENTURE
14 WILL BE COMPLEMENTARY AND NOT IN COMPETITION WITH OUR SMALL
15 BUSINESS GOALS FOR WHICH WE STILL HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO. THE
16 GOAL IS NOT JUST TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS
17 OPPORTUNITY, PER SE, BUT IT IS TO ESSENTIALLY AFFORD THEM THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE. SO, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR
19 BARGER, THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. THIS IS THINKING OUT OF THE
20 BOX, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THERE IS STILL A NO MAN'S ISLAND FOR
21 BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING WORK AND
22 THEREFORE NO LONGER BENEFIT FROM THE INCENTIVES WE REWARD
23 SMALL BUSINESSES BUT ARE STILL NOT ABLE TO COMPETE AGAINST THE
24 SO-CALLED BIG DOGS IN INDUSTRY. YOU KNOW, WE CAN DO MORE. WE
25 CAN DO BETTER. AND EVERYBODY CAN COME OUT ALL RIGHT. SO I SEE

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1 TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL FOR CREATING AN ECOSYSTEM WHERE ALL
2 BUSINESSES CAN BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED LADDER OF GROWTH
3 DESCRIBED IN THIS MOTION. AGAIN, SUPERVISOR BARGER, SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I'M PLEASED TO HAVE JOINED
7 SUPERVISOR BARGER AS THE COAUTHOR FOR THIS MOTION. YOU KNOW,
8 WE DO TALK A LOT ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE COUNTY TO DO MORE WORK
9 WITH SMALL BUSINESSES. AND CERTAINLY OUR PREVIOUS MOTION ON
10 MICROLOANS SPEAKS TO THAT. BUT THERE ARE BUSINESSES THAT ARE
11 JUST ABOVE THE THRESHOLD OF A SMALL BUSINESS THAT DON'T
12 QUALIFY FOR THE KINDS OF INCENTIVES THAT THE COUNTY'S
13 CURRENTLY OFFERING NOR ARE THEY LARGE ENOUGH TO COMPETE WITH
14 YOU SAID THE BIG DOGS. I'M GOING TO SAY THE BIG FISH. I LIKE
15 THE IDEA OF OFFERING CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THESE
16 MID SIZED BUSINESSES GROW, EMPLOY MORE PEOPLE, AND, IN TURN,
17 DRIVE OUR ECONOMY. BOTH THE STATE AND METRO HAVE RECOGNIZED
18 THIS PROBLEM AND DEVELOPED PROGRAMS FOR MID SIZED BUSINESSES.
19 AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD LOOK AT DOING THE SAME HERE IN THE
20 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS REPORT BACK. AND
21 NOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
22 PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ERIC PREVEN PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
25 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. AND OBVIOUSLY APPRECIATE HOW YOU'RE
5 COVERING ALL THE, YOU GOT THE LITTLE BABY BUSINESSES, THE
6 MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESSES, AND OF COURSE THE BIG FISH. BUT
7 METRO, WHERE MANY OF YOU HOLD YOUR HAT, OR YOUR OTHER HAT, HAS
8 A HISTORY OF CONTRACTING. AS YOU KNOW, THEIR BUDGET IS WAY
9 EVEN BIGGER THAN THIS ONE. AND THERE'S A LONG PATTERN OF
10 PEOPLE COMPLAINING ABOUT EQUITY, ABOUT SMALLER, MEDIUM SIZED,
11 ETHNIC, DIFFERENT TYPES OF BUSINESSES NOT BEING PROPERLY. AND
12 THEN THERE'S A LITTLE COMMISSION THAT LIKE THE CIVIL SERVICE
13 COMMISSION PEOPLE FEEL IS NOT THAT FAIR. SO WHEREAS I
14 APPRECIATE IT, AND I THINK WE DO HAVE TO MAKE LIKE WE LOVE ALL
15 THE BUSINESSES THE SAME, BUT WHAT WE SHOULD REALLY BE DOING IS
16 COMING UP WITH A FAIR, REASONABLE SET OF RULES. AND I NOTICE
17 THAT TODAY YOU'RE MODIFYING 1-P OR, WAIT, YEAH, THE OPEN SPACE
18 DISTRICT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK MANUAL RULES. AND NOBODY'S
19 SAYING WHAT THE CHANGES ARE. WE'RE JUST CHANGING THEM. SO I
20 THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE MORE TRANSPARENT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS THAT
23 HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR THIS ITEM? OKAY. COLLEAGUES, THOSE ARE
24 ALL THE SPEAKERS FOR THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU
25 LIKE TO MAKE ANY CLOSING REMARKS?

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THAT ITEM BEFORE US? OKAY. THE ITEM

5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SECONDED BY

6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

7 NOW WE GO TO ITEM 11. LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY TO ACCELERATE AND

8 MAXIMIZE THE RESENTENCING OF CANNABIS-RELATED CONVICTIONS.

9 THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WOULD SUPERVISOR

10 RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE OPENING REMARKS?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK

13 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION WITH ME. IT

14 WAS IN 2016 THAT THE LAW CHANGED AND ALLOWED PRIOR CRIMINAL

15 RECORDS FOR CERTAIN CANNABIS-RELATED CONVICTIONS TO BE

16 RECLASSIFIED AND EFFECTIVELY RESENTENCED. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT

17 THIS WOULD OFFER MUCH-NEEDED LEGAL RELIEF AND HELP PEOPLE

18 REMOVE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT. THERE'S A THEME TODAY, MADAM

19 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. AND WE

20 NEED TO REMOVE BARRIERS AS WELL AS CREATE OPPORTUNITIES. AND

21 WHETHER THAT'S IN THE MICRO BUSINESS SPACE OR THE SPACE TO

22 GRADUATE SMALL BUSINESSES TO MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESSES OR TO

23 REMOVE BARRIERS SO PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE QUALIFIED CAN

24 ACCESS JOBS IN THOSE RESPECTIVE ARENAS. AND SO THERE'S A THEME

25 HERE THAT I THINK SPEAKS TO POLICY COHERENCE. WE UNDERSTOOD

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1 THAT THIS WOULD HELP ADDRESS THE DEEPENING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
2 DISPARITIES THAT RESULTED FROM THE DECADES-LONG WAR ON DRUGS.
3 SOME OF US DECLARED THAT TO BE WRONG-HEADED FROM A POLICY
4 PERSPECTIVE, FROM A POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE, IF YOU WILL, AND
5 FOUGHT THAT FOR A LONG TIME BECAUSE OF THE IMPACTS, THE
6 NEGATIVE IMPACTS, THE DAMAGING IMPACTS, THE LONG-TERM IMPACTS
7 THAT IT HAD ON EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, AS WELL AS FINANCIAL
8 STATUS. HOWEVER, LAST YEAR, WE LEARNED THAT LESS THAN 1,000
9 PEOPLE WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR RESENTENCING IN THE COUNTY HAD
10 FILED A PETITION. THE PROCESS, IT TURNS OUT, IS CUMBERSOME,
11 BUREAUCRATIC, AND DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE, TO SAY THE VERY
12 LEAST. LAST FEBRUARY, THE BOARD CALLED FOR A COUNTY-WIDE PLAN
13 ON CANNABIS-RELATED RESENTENCING TO INCREASE OUR EFFORTS AND
14 TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFIT. TODAY, WE ARE TAKING THE NEXT STEP TO
15 ENSURE TECHNOLOGY IS UTILIZED TO ACCELERATE AND MAXIMIZE THIS
16 WORK. MIGHT I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING? THAT SAN FRANCISCO
17 RECENTLY USED TECHNOLOGY APP CALLED CLEAR MY RECORD. THE
18 RESULT IS ALMOST 10,000 CASES THAT WILL BE CLEARED. I DID SAY
19 10,000 CASES. COLLEAGUES, YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW THAT IT IS
20 ESTIMATED THAT L.A. COUNTY COULD HAVE AS MUCH AS 60,000 TO
21 100,000 ELIGIBLE CASES SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THIS VAST
22 COUNTY. FOR MANY, THIS HAS REMAINED A SECOND CHANCE THAT WAS
23 DUE THEM AND HAS BEEN TOO LONG AND TOO LATE IN COMING. IN
24 OTHER WORDS, WE ARE PAST DUE. I'D LIKE TO THANK JOE NICCHITTA
25 AS WELL AS OTHERS IN THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT, THE

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1 PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THEIR
2 LEADERSHIP IN MOVING THIS FORWARD. GIVEN THE OFFICE OF
3 CANNABIS MANAGEMENT'S LEADERSHIP, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONE
4 SMALL AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION TO ENSURE CONTINUITY WITH PAST
5 EFFORTS. AND IT IS AS FOLLOWS. IN DIRECTIVE 1, I'D LIKE THE
6 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS
7 OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT, O.C.M., TO LEAD THIS ENTITY.
8 AND THAT WOULD SHARPEN THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND CREATE THE KIND
9 OF FOCUS THAT I THINK THE BOARD COLLECTIVELY WISHES TO SEE
10 HAPPEN. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW TECHNOLOGY DESIGNED WITH
11 THESE PEOPLE IN MIND CAN HELP ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM AND
12 MAXIMIZE OTHER TYPES OF RESENTENCING OPTIONS. THIS IS THE
13 RIGHT THING TO DO, AND I URGE US TO CONTINUE TO THINK
14 CREATIVELY ABOUT HOW TO ENSURE SECOND CHANCES IN THE COUNTY OF
15 LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND. IT IS ONLY BETTER FOR US. IT'S THE
16 RIGHT THING TO DO. IT'S THE SMART THING TO DO. I MIGHT EVEN
17 ASK IT'S THE FISCALLY PRUDENT THING TO DO. HAVING PEOPLE
18 LANGUISH IN JAILS ON THE ONE HAND WHEN THEY ARE PRODUCTIVE OR
19 IF THEY ARE RELEASED, ALL KINDS OF REGULATIONS THAT PREVENT
20 THEM FROM BEING EMPLOYED IS AT A COST TO TAXPAYERS AND
21 OTHERWISE. THIS HELPS US ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR ASKING ME TO COAUTHOR THE MOTION. I THINK
3 THIS IS VERY TIMELY. AND I REALLY AM APPRECIATIVE OF THE DATA
4 THAT IS GOING TO HELP US REALLY IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS THAT CAN
5 BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM. NO ONE KNOWS THIS BETTER THAN THOSE
6 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE HAD THIS BURDEN PLACED
7 DISPROPORTIONATELY ON THEM, PEOPLE OF COLOR IN PARTICULAR FROM
8 LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS. SO I WANT TO COMMEND JOE NICCHITTA
9 AND HIS STAFF FOR WORKING ON THIS. AND ALSO THE PUBLIC
10 DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND ALL THE OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED, IN
11 PARTICULAR THE D.A.'S OFFICE, I'M GLAD SHE AND HER OFFICE ARE
12 GOING TO BE A BIG PART OF THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE TO LESSEN THE
13 BURDEN, CREATE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THE PROCESS IS EASILY
14 AND TANGIBLY IDENTIFIABLE AND THAT IT DOESN'T CREATE MORE
15 BARRIERS. AND BECAUSE WE HAVE SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
16 WHO COULD QUALIFY, WELL OVER 60,000, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO
17 DO. SO IF SAN FRANCISCO COULD DO 10,000, I'M SURE WE CAN GET
18 TO OUR NUMBER. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. THANK
19 YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
20 AND HEARING FROM OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE ITEM, THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY
23 SOMETHING?

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1 **JOE NICCHITTA:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS
2 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JOE NICCHITTA, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER
3 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND YOUR FORMER AND IT SOUNDS LIKE
4 CURRENT CANNABIS MANAGEMENT OFFICER. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION
6 TODAY. WHEN THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA APPROVED PROP 64, MANY
7 BELIEVED IT WOULDN'T ONLY REDUCE AND ELIMINATE NEW CANNABIS
8 CRIMES GOING FORWARD BUT ALSO HELP THOSE WHO WERE CONVICTED OF
9 PAST CANNABIS CRIMES, PROMPTLY CLEAR THEIR RECORD, AND OPEN
10 OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT, STUDENT LOANS, PROMOTIONS, AND
11 OTHER AVENUES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY CLOSED OFF TO THOSE WITH A
12 CRIMINAL CONVICTION. UNFORTUNATELY, PROP 64 PLACED THE ONUS ON
13 THE INDIVIDUAL WITH A CRIMINAL CONVICTION TO COME FORWARD AND
14 PETITION OR APPLY TO HAVE THOSE CONVICTIONS ELIMINATED. AND
15 LIKE OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM EFFORTS INVOLVING
16 RESENTENCING AND EXPUNGEMENT, MOST INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT COMING
17 FORWARD TO FILE THOSE APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS. THIS IS A
18 POPULATION THAT IS DIFFICULT TO OUTREACH TO AT SCALE. IT'S A
19 POPULATION THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY TRUST THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
20 SYSTEM OR WANT TO ENGAGE, WHO PERHAPS CAN'T TAKE TIME OFF OF
21 WORK TO COME DOWN AND SIT THROUGH THE LENGTHY COURT PROCESS,
22 WHO MAY HAVE LACK OF ACCESS -- LACK OF READY ACCESS TO
23 TRANSIT, WHO MAY BE HOMELESS OR WHO MAY JUST HAVE GIVEN UP. SO
24 IN AUGUST OF 2018, THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT FILED A
25 REPORT WITH YOUR BOARD INDICATING THAT OVER 60,000 CASES COULD

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1 BENEFIT FROM CANNABIS RESENTENCING, BUT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
2 OFFICE SHOWS THAT ONLY ABOUT 30 PETITIONS HAVE BEEN FILED BY
3 THAT OFFICE EACH MONTH SINCE PROP 64 PASSED. AND THAT IS
4 DESPITE OUTREACH BY THE COUNTY, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE,
5 AND NUMEROUS EXPUNGEMENT CLINICS WITH NONPROFITS AND LABOR
6 PARTNERS HELD OVER THE PAST MONTHS. MOREOVER, BASED ON AN
7 ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WE REPORTED IN
8 AUGUST OF 2018 THAT GETTING CANNABIS CONVICTIONS EXPUNGED FOR
9 JUST ABOUT 3,000 INDIVIDUALS A YEAR THROUGH A PROACTIVE
10 RESENTENCING PROGRAM COULD RESULT IN NET GAINS TO THE COUNTY
11 OF ABOUT \$2 MILLION BY THE THIRD YEAR OF THE PROGRAM FROM
12 INCREASED EMPLOYMENT, INCREASED TAX REVENUE, DECREASED
13 GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, AND OTHER FACTORS. SO UNDER THE
14 LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD, WE'VE WORKED ARM IN ARM WITH THE
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE ALTERNATE
16 PUBLIC DEFENDER, TO DEVELOP CRITERIA TO PROACTIVELY PROCESS
17 CANNABIS-RELATED RECORDS AND AUTOMATICALLY DISMISS OR REDUCE
18 CONVICTIONS. AND OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN BOLSTERED BY THE
19 PASSAGE OF A.B.1793 WHICH CREATED A PROACTIVE CANNABIS
20 RESENTENCING FRAMEWORK STATEWIDE AND BY THE WORK OF CODE FOR
21 AMERICA. THIS IS A NONPROFIT TECH FIRM THAT'S DEVELOPED A
22 SOFTWARE TO AUTOMATE AND DRAMATICALLY SPEED UP RESENTENCING IN
23 CANNABIS-RELATED CONVICTIONS. AND WE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THE
24 EFFORTS IN SAN FRANCISCO TO USE CODE FOR AMERICA WHERE THEY
25 DISMISSED APPROXIMATELY 10,000 CASES. BUT AS I MENTIONED WHAT

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1 WE'RE LOOKING AT -- I'M SORRY. AS WAS MENTIONED BY
2 SUPERVISORS, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING TO ACHIEVE IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY IS AT AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SCALE. WE'RE LOOKING AT
4 UPWARDS OF 60,000 INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD HAVE THEIR SENTENCES
5 REDUCED OR DISMISSED. SO AS WE MOVE FORWARD, IT'S IMPORTANT
6 THAT WE DEVELOP METRICS TO TRACK NOT ONLY THE PROGRESS ON
7 EXPUNGEMENTS BUT ALSO THE NET BENEFITS WE SEE TO THESE
8 INDIVIDUALS, TO THE COMMUNITY, AND TO THE COUNTY FROM SUCH AN
9 EXTENSIVE EFFORT. TRACKING AND REPORTING ON OUTCOMES WILL BE
10 CHALLENGING. BUT I'VE ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BARBARA
11 FERRER, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WITH RICARDO
12 GARCIA, OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THEIR TEAMS TO DEVELOP
13 APPROPRIATE METRICS AND WILL BE PARTNERING WITH THE CHIEF
14 INFORMATION OFFICER TO CAPTURE DATA IN REAL-TIME AND CREATE A
15 DASHBOARD TOOL TO REPORT ON PROGRESS. OUTREACHING TO AFFECTED
16 CLIENTS IS ALSO CRITICALLY NEEDED. AND WE WILL WORK WITH THE
17 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND CERTAINLY AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC
18 DEFENDER ON OUTREACH EFFORTS. OF COURSE I LOOK FORWARD TO
19 CONTINUING OUR CLOSE WORK WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACKIE
20 LACEY, AND HER TEAM. HER LEADERSHIP IN MOVING THE PROACTIVE
21 RESENTENCING PROCESS FORWARD HAS BEEN CRITICAL. HAPPY TO
22 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS. I ALSO SEE OUR PUBLIC
25 DEFENDER, RICARDO GARCIA, ON THE FRONT ROW. YOU'RE MORE THAN

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1 WELCOME TO OBVIOUSLY SPEAK TO US ON THIS ITEM IF YOU HAVE
2 ANYTHING TO ADD. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. MADAM EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE
4 SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM TO SPEAK.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
7 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? INGRID ARCHIE, DR.
8 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, JONATAN CVETKO, JOSEPH PETITT, VICTOR
9 TRUJILLO, AND NICOLE PARSON. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
10 WILL ASSIST YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO. WELCOME. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **INGRID ARCHIE:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS INGRID
15 ARCHIE. AND I AM FORMERLY INCARCERATED AS WELL AS CURRENTLY
16 EMPLOYED WITH THE NEW WAY OF LIFE AS A PROP 47 SPECIALIST AND
17 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR. A NEW WAY OF LIFE PROVIDES
18 HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR WOMEN LIKE MYSELF WHO ARE
19 RETURNING FROM SHORT AND LONG STINTS OF INCARCERATION. OUR
20 LEGAL DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED EXPUNGEMENT SERVICES TO OUR
21 COMMUNITY AND CLIENTS OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE FOR THE PAST 10
22 YEARS IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN REMOVING SOME OF THE BARRIERS
23 WHICH AMOUNT TO OVER 4,000 STATEWIDE THAT IS ATTACHED TO A
24 FELONY CONVICTION. THESE SUCH BARRIERS INCLUDE HOUSING,
25 EMPLOYMENT, WHICH CAN ADD TO THE CUMBERSOME PROCESS OF

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1 REINTEGRATING BACK INTO SOCIETY. AND ALSO FAMILY REUNIFICATION
2 SERVICES FOR SOME OF US WHO HAVE OPEN D.C.F.S. CASES. DURING
3 THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 2016, I BECAME THE FIRST PERSON IN
4 CALIFORNIA TO PETITION FOR A FELONY RECLASSIFICATION AFTER THE
5 PASSAGE OF PROP 64. THE PASSAGE OF PROP 64 WAS THE FIRST STEP
6 IN REPAIRING THE HARMS OF THE WAR ON DRUGS. BECAUSE OF THIS
7 WAR, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ACROSS AMERICA WERE LEFT WITH AN
8 ENORMOUS STACK OF TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES, COUPLED WITH BROKEN
9 HOMES DUE TO OVERPOLICING AND HARSH MARIJUANA LAWS. WITH THE
10 LAW -- WHEN THE LAW IS BROKEN, A PERSON IS AUTOMATICALLY
11 ARRESTED, IF FOUND GUILTY, AUTOMATICALLY GIVEN A SENTENCE, TO
12 SERVE UPON RELEASE, A PERSON IS AUTOMATICALLY EITHER PLACED ON
13 PAROLE OR COMMUNITY SUPERVISION. WITH THAT SAME ENERGY OF
14 AUTOMATION, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT RECORDS ARE EXPUNGED SO THAT
15 OVER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS CAN OBTAIN THIS RELIEF. ONCE OUR TIME
16 IS DONE, OUR CRIMINAL BACKGROUNDS LEAVE US STILL UNABLE TO
17 OBTAIN HOUSING OR ACCESS EMPLOYMENT. AND WE ARE LEFT TO FIGURE
18 OUT A COURT PROCESS OF EXPUNGEMENT THAT ONLY ADDS TO THE
19 FRUSTRATION. TAKING A PROACTIVE APPROACH BY USING INNOVATIVE
20 TECHNOLOGY TO ASSIST IN RECORD CLEARANCE IS THE NEXT STEP IN
21 CONTINUING TO CLEAN UP THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE LEFT THAT STILL
22 EXISTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
25 PLEASE.

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1

2 **JONATHAN CVETKO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JONATHAN CVETKO. I
3 SERVE ON THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT'S CANNABIS ADVISORY
4 WORKGROUP AND AM AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ANGELES EMERALDS, A
5 NON-PROFIT WORKING TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS POLICIES IN
6 L.A COUNTY. WE'RE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION WORKING
7 TOWARDS AUTOMATED EXPUNGEMENT OF THE CANNABIS-BASED
8 CONVICTIONS. WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEE MORE EFFORTS SUCH AS
9 THESE THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN REPAIRING THE HARMS OF PREVIOUS
10 PROHIBITION POLICIES AGAINST CANNABIS, MOST RECENTLY IN THE
11 CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. ANGELES EMERALDS AS WELL AS OTHER
12 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HOSTED MULTIPLE EXPUNGEMENT CLINICS ACROSS
13 THE COUNTY. ON APRIL 13TH, WE WILL BE HOLDING ONE IN
14 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND WOULD WELCOME
15 THE BOARD'S SUPPORT, IN PARTICULAR DISTRICT 3, SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL. WHILE THESE CLINICS ARE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT AND
17 HELPFUL, THEY ALONE CANNOT MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON THE
18 100,000 RESIDENTS WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF CANNABIS-
19 BASED CONVICTIONS. WE IMPORE THE BOARD TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE
20 LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THIS SEEING AS OUR COUNTY BY FAR HAS THE
21 MOST NEED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STATE. ADDITIONALLY WE WANT TO
22 ASK THE BOARD TO PLEASE CONSIDER ALLOWING A REGULATED LEGAL
23 CANNABIS MARKET WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WITHOUT A
24 REGULATED MARKET, WE ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE
25 RECIDIVISM ON THIS VERY ISSUE THAT WE ARE HERE TRYING TO

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1 CORRECT. AUTOMATED EXPUNGEMENT WITHOUT LEGAL MARKETPLACE IS
2 NOT VIABLE. ONLY 19 OF THE COUNTY'S 89 JURISDICTIONS ARE
3 CURRENTLY ALLOWING LEGAL CANNABIS OPERATIONS TO SOME LEVEL
4 WITH ONLY 7 ALLOWING LEGAL RETAIL SALES EVEN THOUGH 80 PERCENT
5 OF THE JURISDICTIONS VOTED IN FAVOR OF PROP 64. LOCAL
6 JURISDICTIONS HAVE BEEN MUCH TOO SLOW IN IMPLEMENTING LOCAL
7 REGULATIONS, IN PART DUE TO THE LACK OF LOCAL LEADERSHIP ON
8 THE ISSUE EFFECTIVELY CONTINUING THE HARMFUL POLICIES OF
9 PROHIBITION ABOUT CANNABIS WHICH ORIGINALLY LED TO THE OVER
10 100,000 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS BEING CONVICTED AND ULTIMATELY
11 TODAY'S MOTION FOR AUTOMATED EXPUNGEMENT. WE ARE ASKING THE
12 BOARD TO PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING A MORE PROMINENT LEADERSHIP ON
13 BOTH AUTOMATED EXPUNGEMENTS AND THE REGULATING OF LEGAL
14 CANNABIS MARKET WHILE WE STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO
15 RESPONSIBLY. IT'S OUR SINCERE CONCERN THAT PROLONGED DELAYS TO
16 REGULATE AND PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR VOTER INITIATIVES IN
17 2020 THAT WILL HEAVILY FAVOR THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
20 CALL UP SOME MORE PEOPLE.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD DARRELL KRUSE AND HERMAN HERMAN
23 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** HI, MY NAME IS VICTOR TRUJILLO. I THINK THIS

3 IS A GREAT IDEA. I'M IMPRESSED. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS

4 IN PALMDALE IN FIVE YEARS I WAS GOING TO MAKE 250 MILLION AT

5 MY TRUCK STOP AND MY WATER COMPANY. EVERYTHING WENT TO

6 SHAMBLES. AND THE ONLY REASON WHY I REALLY, I STRESS REAL

7 CAREFULLY, IF THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH SOMETHING, AND IT'S

8 A PROJECT, AND EVERYBODY'S GOING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT, JUST

9 DONG DON'T BRING IN THE MOLD. THE ONLY REASON I KNOW WHY I

10 THINK THIS IS A GREAT THING FOR EVERYBODY. BUT YOU KNOW WHEN I

11 FOUND OUT I HAD TO SIT AND WATCH ALL MY BUDDIES, THIS GUY GET

12 MURDERED, A WHITE GUY FROM ACTON, MY BUDDY WAS A SHERIFF GOT

13 MURDERED. NO ONE KNEW WHY, AND IT WAS BECAUSE A.K.A. NAMES

14 THAT WERE MADE UP IN LANCASTER. AND I FOUND THEM. THEY DON'T

15 EXIST ON MY RECORD. I TRIED TO GET EVERYTHING MY RECORD

16 CLEANED. THEY WOULDN'T DO IT. NO COP. NOBODY. I WAS LIKE

17 WONDERING THIS IS GOING 47 YEARS. SO DON'T GET ME WRONG. I

18 LOST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. I LOST 24 PROPERTIES. AND THE

19 SHERIFFS AND L.A.P.D., I FOUND OUT THE FAMILIES IN MEXICO WITH

20 THE CARTELS, I FOUND THE SILVA FAMILY, FOUR BROTHERS FROM

21 FOOTHILL AND L.A.P.D. BEEN DOING THIS. THEY JUST DID ANOTHER

22 MURDER RECENTLY. I WENT TO L.A.P.D. THEY SAID GO TO INTERNAL

23 AFFAIRS. GO TO THE COUNTY. GO THERE. AND EVERY TIME I COME, GO

24 THERE, GO THERE. I SAID CAN I GET HELP FROM YOU GUYS? NO. WE

25 ARE JUST, THIS IS NOT OUR PROBLEM. GO TO THE POLICE. I WENT TO

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1 COMMISSION. THEY DON'T EVEN WANT TO HELP. AND I SIT HERE, AND
2 I GO, I FINALLY FOUND THE MOLD BEHIND ALL MY BUDDY'S MURDERS,
3 COPS, KIDS, FAMILY. WHEN I WAS ARRESTED, ONE OF THE
4 INFORMANTS.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IS THIS ABOUT A CANNABIS-RELATED.

7

8 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** THE CANNABIS ACT, I COULD NEVER GET MY RECORD
9 CLEAN.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IS THIS ABOUT A CANNABIS-RELATED CONVICTION?

12

13 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** OKAY. RELATED. I WANT TO HAVE THIS THING. I
14 WANT TO GO IN THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS. OH I WAS CONSIDERED THE
15 BIGGEST DRUG DEALER THE WORLD, AND I NEVER TOUCHED IT. SO
16 THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU. IF YOU CAN HELP ME AND
17 THIS MAN CAN HELP ME, TALK TO ME. PUT THE CAMERAS ON ME. HAVE
18 A GOOD DAY.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT.

21

22 **JOSEPH PETITT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

25

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1 **JOSHEPH PETITT:** MY NAME IS JOSEPH PETITT. AND I AM THE POLICY
2 AND PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY
3 PARTNERSHIP HERE ON BEHALF OF THE REENTRY COMMUNITY. AND I'D
4 LIKE TO LIFT UP OUR WOMEN IN OUR WORK THAT WE DO, ESPECIALLY
5 INGRID ARCHIE AND SUSAN BURTON. BACK TO THE POINT, L.A.R.P.
6 STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE MOTION AND RECOMMENDS THE ACCELERATE AND
7 MAXIMIZE RESENTENCING OF CANNABIS-RELATED CONVICTIONS WITH THE
8 FOLLOWING. ONE RECOMMENDATION. ONE, AN UPDATE ON COUNTY
9 COMPLIANCE WITH A.B.1793. TWO, INSTRUCT THE P.D. AND OTHERS TO
10 PROVIDE A PLAN TO NOTIFY ALL PEOPLE/CLIENTS ABOUT CANNABIS
11 RESENTENCING EFFORTS AND THE REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO
12 EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING DUE TO A.B.1793. AND, LASTLY, NUMBER
13 THREE, DIRECT THE C.E.O. WITH OTHERS TO REPORT ON THE
14 APPLICABILITY OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND USER-CENTERED DESIGN TO
15 OTHER DISCRIMINATION AND RESENTENCING EFFORTS. WITH IN SAID,
16 L.A.R.P. STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE MOTION AND RECOMMENDS THE
17 FOLLOWING. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE NECKS.

20

21 **DARRELL KRUSE:** HOWDY. I AM DARRELL KRUSE. PROPOSITION 64, THE
22 SHORT BALLOT SUMMARY DIDN'T MENTION NOTHING ABOUT THIS. THE
23 LONG BALLOT SUMMARY, THE LAST LINE. WHAT 64 WAS ABOUT WAS
24 REGULATING CANNABIS DISPENSARIES. YOU TALK ABOUT CUMBERSOME
25 AND BURDENSOME? BOY, I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT. CVETKO SAID

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1 SOMETHING ABOUT CITIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DON'T
2 ALLOW IT. I COULD TELL YOU A FEW EXAMPLES. I REMEMBER THE CITY
3 OF CLAREMONT WANTED TO ALLOW IT IN 2007. THEY WERE GOING TO
4 ALLOW ONE, BUT IT WASN'T GOING TO BE ME. SO MY ATTORNEY GOT
5 INVOLVED AND SAID IT'S HIM, OR IT'S NOBODY. AND THEY SAID IT'S
6 NOBODY. CITY OF INDUSTRY IN APRIL OF 2005, ASK TROY HELLING,
7 HE'S A THEIR CITY MANAGER NOW. BUT HE WAS A COUNTER PERSON IN
8 2005.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** REMEMBER THIS IS ABOUT CANNABIS-RELATED
11 CONVICTIONS. NOT JUST ABOUT CANNABIS. CANNABIS-RELATED
12 CONVICTIONS. STICK TO THIS ITEM.

13

14 **DARRELL KRUSE:** DIDN'T SHE LET CVETKO GO? I WANT MY TIME BACK,
15 TOO.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. BUT STICK TO THIS ITEM.

18

19 **DARRELL KRUSE:** GIVE ME SOME TIME BACK. WHEW. I DON'T WANT TO
20 GO PERSONAL. LET'S JUST TALK ABOUT RICK VELASQUEZ. HE'S AN
21 [EXPLETIVE].

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU, THAT'S -- I'LL GIVE YOU ONE
24 MORE WARNING. STAY ON THIS ITEM, OR WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK
25 YOU TO LEAVE.

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1

2 **DARRELL KRUSE:** CERTAINLY. WHEN THIS THING PASSED, MY FRIENDS
3 CAME TO ME. AND THEY ASKED ME WHAT THEY HAD TO DO. AND I GAVE
4 SOME OF THEM GUIDANCE ON FIXING THEIR RECORDS. ONE OF THEM WHO
5 I GAVE THE GUIDANCE FOR, HE WENT TO HIS ATTORNEY AND GOT IT
6 TAKEN CARE OF. AND THEN MAY FIFTH OF 2018, HE DIED, A LOT OF
7 GOOD IT DID HIM. WHAT I'M SAYING IS THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
8 TREATED LIKE GARBAGE BY GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND ELECTED
9 OFFICIAL WHO DESTROYED OUR CONSTITUTION BY BASICALLY THEY
10 ALLOW, THEY SAID MARIJUANA WAS A BAD THING? DID YOU HEAR THEM?
11 IN THE '30S AND IN THE '70S AGAIN.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, WHAT IS COMMUNICATION BY THE ATTORNEY
16 GENERAL ON THIS CANNABIS ISSUE? WHY ARE PEOPLE CRIMINALIZED TO
17 TAKE A PUFF OF PUFF DADDY'S MAGIC UNDER MEASURE 64 IN WHICH
18 ALL YOU IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PASSED. WHY DICK DURBIN OF
19 ILLINOIS'S MINORITY WHIP, WHY CHARLES SCHUMER OF NEW YORK, WHY
20 MICHAEL BENNELL OF COLORADO. AND WHAT ABOUT YOU MR. JACK READ
21 OF RHODE ISLAND. AND LOST A SEAT ABOUT TIM CAINE OF VIRGINIA.
22 WHAT HAS JAVIER BUSERA DONE TO MAKE THIS SITUATION BETTER FOR
23 AMERICA? NOT ONE DAMN THING. AND YET WE CRIMINALIZE AFRICAN-
24 AMERICANS AND MINORITIES BECAUSE THEY WANT PUFF DADDY TO FIX
25 THEIR PROBLEMS IN WHICH OUR GOVERNMENT CREATED. STRESS.

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1 DEPRESSION. AND P.T.S.D. AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY UNDER
2 O.I.S.024-18 TWO SERGEANT ONE AND ONE POLICEMAN USED THEIR
3 ABUSE OF AUTHORITY TO SHOOT A CHILD WHO HAD A KNIFE WHO WAS
4 SUFFERING MENTAL HEALTH BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE HIS WEED TO GET
5 OFF HIS HIGH. SO YOU TOOK 7 BULLETS TO A CHILD AT A MALL, AND
6 YOU GUN HIM DOWN LIKE AN ANIMAL, AND YOU KICK HIM BECAUSE OF
7 CANNABIS.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** STICK TO THIS ITEM.

10

11 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, RESPONSIBILITY AND
12 THE STANDARDS OF UNJUSTICE AND FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF
13 REGULATION OF CANNABIS IS SO RIDICULOUS. MISS WICKHAM EVEN
14 DOESN'T FOLLOW THE LAW. SO ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,
15 42 USC 1983, [EXPLETIVE] THE D.A., [EXPLETIVE] THE POLICE, AND
16 [EXPLETIVE] YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE DR. CLAVREUL. BONJOUR.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** BONJOUR. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS. I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD IDEA TO USE
23 APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY TO ACCELERATE THE RELEASE. BUT I THINK
24 YOU HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL THAT NOBODY CAN BE LET GO
25 BECAUSE THERE'S A GLITCH IN THE SYSTEM. AND I THINK THAT'S ONE

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1 THING YOU HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL THAT WHOEVER DESIGNS THE
2 SYSTEM, MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO REALLY RELEASE
3 PEOPLE WHO DON'T NEED TO BE RELEASED. DON'T HAVE THE PENALTY
4 AT THE SAME TIME. I THINK THAT'S ONE THING GOING TO BE VERY
5 HARD TO SEPARATE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ONLY FOR CANNABIS SENTENCING
6 BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE SENTENCED ANOTHER ISSUE AND MAKE
7 SURE SEPARATE. THAT'S MY ONLY CONCERN. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MERCI. OKAY. NOW WE ARE GOING TO LANCASTER.
10 HELLO, LANCASTER. GO AHEAD. OH WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. WAIT, WAIT,
11 WAIT. WE CAN'T HEAR LANCASTER. HOLD ON. WE CAN SEE YOU, BUT WE
12 CAN'T HEAR YOU. HOLD ON. TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. INTERESTING
13 ON AN ITEM ABOUT TECHNOLOGY. HOLD ON, LANCASTER. SHOULD WE
14 COME BACK?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GO AHEAD AND SPEAK.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. SUPERVISOR, RAISE THE ROOF IF YOU CAN HEAR ME.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. YEAH, WE CAN HEAR YOU. WE CAN SEE
21 YOU THE WHOLE THING.

22

23 **NICOLE PARSONS:** CHOO-CHOO.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. WE'RE ON ITEM 11.

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1

2 **NICOLE PARSONS:** AGRICULTURE, THE TREES AND THE WOLF, RABID
3 DOGS. OH ME. OH. MEOW. THE SHERIFF IS VERY FUNNY YOU GUYS THE
4 RECHAIN AND THE GARGOYLE. I MEAN, THE TRANSPORTATION. CAN YOU
5 HAVE MENTAL HEALTH HELP ME TO BRING THIS ALONG? I'M JUST GOING
6 TO SEND THIS. I DON'T WANT NONE OF IT. THE TRAIN IF SOMEBODY
7 WANTS TO BUILD THE NEW TRAIN LINE GO AHEAD BECAUSE I ALREADY
8 BUILT IT. I THINK IT'S BEEN HERE. BUT I'M GOING TO JUST SEND
9 IT ALL. I DON'T WANT IT. BUT TO IT TO MY CORPORATION AND HAVE
10 MENTAL HEALTH OR WHOEVER HELP ME.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THAT ALL THE SPEAKERS FOR THIS
13 ITEM? OKAY. ITEM 11 IS BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY --

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS AMENDED. ITEM 11 AS AMENDED.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAD IT RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF
18 ME. ITEM 11 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
19 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE
20 THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
21 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY. NOW WE'RE ON ITEM 13. COWORKING
22 SPACE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT HELD BY ME. SO, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
23 WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS? YES, THANK YOU. SO,
24 EVERY MORNING, RAIN OR SHINE, 108,500 INDUSTRIOUS, AMBITIOUS
25 L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES WAKE UP, POUR THEMSELVES A CUP OF COFFEE

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1 FOR THE ROAD, AND HEAD TO WORK. AND I THINK I WAS ON THE 110
2 TODAY WITH ALL 108,000 OF YOU. THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE. IT'S A
3 LOT OF CARS ON THE ROAD DURING RUSH HOUR. AND TO PUT THAT IN
4 PERSPECTIVE, IF ALL THE L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES DECIDED TO GO TO
5 A BASEBALL GAME TOGETHER, WE COULD ALMOST FILL DODGERS STADIUM
6 UP TWICE. BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY IS SO VAST AND HOUSING IS SO
7 EXPENSIVE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND OTHER MAJOR HUBS, OUR
8 EMPLOYEES OFTEN END UP LIVING FAR AWAY FROM THEIR WORKPLACES
9 AND HAVE TO ENDURE LENGTHY COMMUTES. THAT MEANS MORE TRAFFIC
10 FOR EVERYBODY, POORER AIR QUALITY IN THE REGION, WORSE
11 EMPLOYEE MORALE AND LESS QUALITY TIME WITH FAMILY. THE
12 MAJORITY OF MY STAFF WHO WORK HERE AT THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF
13 ADMINISTRATION, FOR INSTANCE, SPEND AT LEAST TWO HOURS EVERY
14 SINGLE DAY COMMUTING. MY SCHEDULER, TINA, IS ON THE ROAD FOR
15 ABOUT FIVE HOURS EVERY DAY. GOD BLESS HER. SO, WHY ARE WE
16 ASKING EMPLOYEES TO ENDURE LENGTHY COMMUTES WHEN THEY COULD
17 WORK JUST AS EFFICIENTLY AT A SHARED WORK SPACE NEAR THEIR
18 HOUSE? WHY ARE WE FORCING EMPLOYEES TO DRIVE TWO HOURS FOR A
19 ONE-HOUR MEETING WHEN THEY COULD CALL IN OR VIDEO CONFERENCE
20 AND COMMUNICATE JUST AS EFFECTIVELY? AS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER
21 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE CAN DO BETTER BY OUR EMPLOYEES, BY
22 THE ENVIRONMENT, AND FOR OUR FELLOW COMMUTERS. WHILE WE
23 CONTINUE TO EXPAND OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OVER AT
24 METRO, WE'RE BUILDING A LOT OF GREAT PROJECTS, BUT MANY OF
25 THEM WON'T BE DONE FOR A WHILE. SO I THINK IT'S TIME THAT WE

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1 SERIOUSLY CONSIDER MAKING USE OF COWORKING SPACES. THIS MOTION
2 TODAY INSTRUCTS I.S.D., PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE COUNTY
3 LIBRARIAN TO TEST THE CONCEPT OF ALTERNATE WORK SITES BY
4 IMPLEMENTING A ONE YEAR PILOT PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES TO
5 TELEWORK FROM SHARED OFFICE SPACES AROUND THE COUNTY. I
6 UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WON'T BE A SOLUTION FOR EVERYONE. THERE
7 ARE SOME JOBS THAT REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO SHOW UP TO A SPECIFIC
8 PLACE AT A SPECIFIC TIME. WE NEED OUR DOCTORS AND NURSES IN
9 OUR HOSPITALS AND CLINICS JUST LIKE WE NEED OUR PROBATION
10 OFFICERS AT OUR PROBATION CAMPS AND OUR FIREFIGHTERS IN OUR
11 FIRE STATIONS. BUT I DO THINK THIS COULD BE A VIABLE SOLUTION
12 FOR MANY. THIS DOESN'T MEAN NOBODY WILL HAVE TO SHOW UP TO THE
13 OFFICE AGAIN. BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT WE GIVE EMPLOYEES THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR TIME. THIS PILOT
15 PROGRAM IS INNOVATIVE. IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, AND
16 IT'S EFFICIENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR JOINING ME ON
17 THIS MOTION, AS WELL AS OUR DEPARTMENTS WHO WILL LEAD THIS
18 PILOT PROGRAM. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW
19 WORDS?

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I'M EXCITED ACTUALLY TO
22 COSPONSOR THIS PROJECT WITH YOU BECAUSE THE COUNTY ALREADY CAN
23 REALIZE A NUMBER OF BENEFITS BY USING TODAY'S COWORKING SPACE
24 PROVIDERS LIKE WEWORK REGUS. BUT WE QUICKLY FIND MODERN SAFE
25 OFFICE SPACE FOR OUR EMPLOYEES IN ACCESSIBLE LOCATIONS IN OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES, AND WE DON'T HAVE TO SIGN A LONG TERM LEASE OR
2 PAY FOR EXPENSIVE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS. BUT IN THE PILOT
3 PROJECT THAT COULD BEGIN, SHOULD THE BOARD APPROVE THIS ITEM,
4 I.S.D. WILL ACTUALLY PROCURE COWORKING SPACE FOR USE BY THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, COUNTY LIBRARY, AND I.S.D.'S
6 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO
7 WORK FROM A COWORKING SPACE, AS YOU SAID, MAYBE ONE OR MORE
8 DAYS A WEEK INSTEAD OF COMMUTING. FOR I.S.D. EMPLOYEES,
9 MANAGEMENT WILL SELECT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
10 REDUCE THEIR COMMUTE BY OVER 50 PERCENT ON A MILES-DRIVEN
11 BASIS EVERY WEEK FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROJECT TO
12 ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY GETS THE LARGEST REDUCTION IN VEHICLE
13 MILES TRAVELED BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF THE
14 INDIVIDUAL WORKER. BUT AS WE KNOW, LOOKING AT METRO, THE
15 REASON PUBLIC HEALTH IS KIND OF INTERESTED IS BECAUSE NOT ONLY
16 IS DRIVING POLLUTION BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH, BUT THE STRESS OF
17 DRIVING IS ALSO BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH. SO IT'S A DOUBLE PUBLIC
18 HEALTH ISSUE. AND ALSO WE HAVE AN ISSUE ABOUT CONGESTION.
19 WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT TRAFFIC CONGESTION.
20 AND THIS IS ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT IT. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE,
21 THOUGH, I THINK AS WE LOOK AT THIS AND GET A REPORT BACK,
22 THERE MAY BE OTHER WAYS THAT OUR EMPLOYEES CAN HAVE SOME
23 WORKPLACE MOBILITY NEEDS MET. IT'S NOT JUST MAYBE THESE
24 SPACES. WE CAN STILL LOOK AT TELECOMMUTING. I THINK WE WANT TO
25 LOOK AT DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE

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1 ACTUALLY WORK AND NEED TO WORK. SO LOOKING AT A GREAT VARIETY
2 OF THINGS IN ADDITION TO THIS I THINK IS IMPORTANT. ALSO, WE
3 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT SUPERVISORS HAVE THE TRAINING AND THE
4 TOOLS THEY NEED TO HELP THEIR EMPLOYEES UNDERSTAND THE
5 PROGRAM, HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT, HOW IT MIGHT HELP OR NOT
6 HELP, YOU KNOW, WHO MIGHT BE BEST SUITED FOR IT, AND ALSO THE
7 FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE EVEN ON OUR OWN STAFFS, WE SEE THAT FAMILY
8 NEEDS CHANGE AS THINGS GO ALONG. YOU MIGHT BE SINGLE, THEN YOU
9 MIGHT HAVE A PARTNER, THEN YOU MIGHT BE HAVING CHILDREN.
10 THERE'S JUST DIFFERENT THINGS THAT HAPPEN.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THE GAME OF LIFE.

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** OVER THE LIFE SPAN AS WE SEE PEOPLE WORK FOR THE
15 COUNTY OVER 20, 30 YEARS. SO WE WANT TO LOOK AT THOSE
16 FLEXIBILITIES. BUT THIS IS A GREAT START. AND WHEN THE C.E.O.
17 SUBMITS THE EVALUATION OF THE PILOT PROJECT IN ABOUT A YEAR,
18 I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HOW THESE SPACES ARE
19 UTILIZED BY OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND REALLY AN ANALYSIS OF
20 WHETHER IT'S COST-EFFECTIVE COMPARED TO SORT OF THE
21 TRADITIONAL MODEL OF OWNED OR LEASED SPACE AND ALSO IF THERE
22 MIGHT BE WAYS SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE INVOLVED
23 ABOUT EXPANDING THE PROGRAM. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING
24 THIS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL OF OUR
2 DEPARTMENTS HERE TO SPEAK ON THIS. WE'RE GOING TO START WITH
3 LISA GARRETT, OUR DIRECTOR OF H.R., WHO JUST LAST WEEK WITH
4 ME, WE TOURED ONE OF THESE WEWORK SPACES. AND WE LEARNED A
5 LOT. LISA, WELCOME. PUT YOUR MICROPHONE IN FRONT OF YOU.

6

7 **LISA GARRETT:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO OUR HONORABLE BOARD, LISA
8 GARRETT, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. I'D LIKE TO SAY I'M FULLY IN
9 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND VERY EXCITED. I THANK SUPERVISORS
10 HAHN AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING TO IT THE FOREFRONT. I THINK THIS
11 IS GOING TO LEAD TO THE EXPANSION OF OUR WORKPLACE PRACTICES
12 FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES. TELEWORKING AND
13 ALTERNATE WORK SCHEDULES COMBINED WITH NONTRADITIONAL WORK
14 SETTINGS REPRESENT THE WAYS OF NOT ONLY TODAY BUT OF TOMORROW.
15 ACCORDING TO GALLOP'S 2017 STATE OF THE AMERICAN WORKPLACE
16 REPORT, ABOUT 43 PERCENT OF U.S. WORKERS WORK REMOTELY IN SOME
17 CAPACITY EVEN IF IT'S ONLY TELEWORKING FOR ONE DAY A WEEK. IN
18 FACT, TELEWORKING HAS GROWN FASTER THAN ANY OTHER COMMUTING
19 MODE IN OVER ONE HALF OF THE LARGEST U.S. METRO AREAS. A LOOK
20 AT PRIVATE INDUSTRY PRACTICES SHOWS THAT TELEWORK OPTIONS ARE
21 NO LONGER LIMITED TO JUST POSITIONS IN I.T. AND CALL CENTERS,
22 BUT TELEWORK IS BECOMING MORE COMMON AS OUR TECHNOLOGY
23 ADVANCES. THESE FLEXIBLE WORK OPTIONS HAVE HELPED LARGE
24 EMPLOYERS LIKE A.T.&T., I.B.M. REALIZE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN
25 COST SAVINGS BY ELIMINATING UNUSED OFFICES, CONSOLIDATING

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1 OFFICES, AND REDUCING OVERHEAD COSTS. IN ADDITION TO THE COST
2 SAVINGS, RESEARCH SHOWS SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES AND
3 OUR ENVIRONMENT. FLEXIBLE WORK POLICIES USED IN TANDEM WITH
4 TELEWORK HAVE BEEN FOUND TO ADVANCE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH,
5 ATTRACTION, RETENTION, JOB SATISFACTION, HAPPINESS AT WORK,
6 AND ULTIMATELY EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT AND ITS BY-PRODUCT WHICH IS
7 EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY. OTHER EMPLOYERS HAVE ALSO FOUND THAT
8 TELEWORK AND NONTRADITIONAL WORK SETTINGS SERVE TO DECREASE
9 ABSENTEEISM AND INCREASE WORKPLACE OVERALL PRODUCTIVITY. SCOTT
10 MINNIX IS GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT THE STUDIES HAVE
11 SHOWN FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
12 ADD THAT STUDIES OF SIMILAR PRACTICES IN OTHER LARGE
13 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE DELL, AETNA, AND XEROX REPORTEDLY SAVED
14 OVER 95,000 METRIC TONS OF GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS, AND THAT WAS
15 BACK IN 2014. THAT IS THE EQUIVALENT OF TAKING 20,000
16 PASSENGER VEHICLES OFF OF THE STREET.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOW.

19
20 **LISA GARRETT:** IN CONCLUSION, THIS MOTION REPRESENTS A GREAT
21 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY FAMILY. THE COMBINATION OF
22 TELEWORK, FLEXIBLE WORK ARRANGEMENTS, AND TECHNOLOGY ARE
23 REALLY POWERFUL TOOLS TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN TALENT THROUGHOUT
24 THE COUNTY, TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY, TO PROMOTE WORK/LIFE
25 INTEGRATION AND POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR WORK ENVIRONMENT. IT

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1 REALLY IS A WIN/WIN FOR ALL. TELEWORKING IS TRENDING UP IN THE
2 COUNTY, I MIGHT LET YOU KNOW. IN THE MOTION WE TALKED ABOUT
3 OVER 7600 OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN THE
4 TELEWORK TRAINING. BUT WHAT'S NOT MENTIONED IS THAT 4600 OF
5 THOSE INDIVIDUALS TOOK THE TRAINING JUST WITHIN THE LAST YEAR.
6 AND SO THIS IS HOW IMPORTANT TELEWORK IN THESE STATIONS ARE
7 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AGAIN, THIS MOTION DOES
8 REPRESENT AN OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND EXISTING AND TO
9 CREATE NEW TELEWORK AND COWORKING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO OUR
10 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY ON BEHALF OF OUR
11 EMPLOYEES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
12 PARTICIPATING IN THIS PILOT AND REPORTING BACK TO YOUR BOARD
13 ON THE GREAT OUTCOMES.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I DON'T KNOW HOW OUR COUNTY
16 EMPLOYEES COULD BE ANY HAPPIER THAN THEY ALREADY ARE. BUT
17 WE'LL TRY TO ADD TO THEIR HAPPINESS. BILL KEHOE, C.I.O.,
18 WELCOME.

19

20 **WILLIAM KEHOE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
21 OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE AND SUPPORT THIS MOTION,
22 VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND
23 MADAM CHAIR FOR PUTTING THIS FORWARD. THIS IS TIMELY. WE JUST
24 FINISHED A REFRESH OF OUR I.T. ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC GOALS. A
25 REFRESH BEING WE INVOLVED ALL DEPARTMENTS AND OVER 200

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1 EMPLOYEES FROM BOTH BUSINESS AND I.T. TO REALLY LEARN WHERE
2 THEIR PAIN POINTS ARE, WHERE THEY WANTED TO GO IN THE FUTURE,
3 HOW TECHNOLOGY COULD HELP THEM MOVE FORWARD. AND A COMMON
4 THEME AND AN EXCITING GOAL THAT CAME OUT OF THAT WAS MOBILITY.
5 EMPLOYEES WANTED MORE MOBILITY. AND THEY WANTED THE TECHNOLOGY
6 THAT WOULD SUPPORT THAT. AND THE MOBILITY IS THE ABILITY TO
7 WORK AND HAVE THE TOOLS TO WORK ANYWHERE ANYTIME. AND SO THIS
8 PILOT PROGRAM AND THIS CONCEPT REALLY GOES TOWARDS FURTHERING
9 THAT MOBILITY GOAL AND PROVIDING SOME NEEDED DATA AROUND HOW
10 THIS COULD WORK AND THE LESSONS LEARNED. SO, IN ORDER TO HAVE
11 TRUE MOBILITY, ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TO GUARD AGAINST IS
12 WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE THIS WORK SPACE IN THE TRADITIONAL
13 SENSE. WE WANT THIS TO BE A DYNAMIC, FORWARD-LOOKING WORK
14 SPACE THAT EMPLOYEES CAN GO TO. AND IT DOESN'T FEEL OR HAVE
15 THAT CULTURE OF THE STATIC WORK SPACE THAT WE TRADITIONALLY
16 HAVE. AND SO IN ORDER TO DO THAT, THERE'S SOME KEY
17 TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PILOT.
18 AND THE GREAT THING IS WE HAVE THESE TECHNOLOGIES IN THE
19 COUNTY TODAY. SO A FEW OF THOSE I'LL MENTION. MOBILE DEVICES.
20 SO LAPTOPS AND TABLETS. SO AS YOU GO IN TO USE THIS WORK
21 SPACE, YOU GO IN WITH A LIGHTWEIGHT DEVICE. AND YOU CAN
22 IMMEDIATELY START WORKING. SO LAPTOPS AND TABLETS, AS A MOBILE
23 DEVICE. WIRELESS CAPACITY IS GOING TO BE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT
24 IN A WORK SPACE LIKE THIS, BEING ABLE TO ACCESS THE NETWORK
25 AND ALL THE BACK END SYSTEMS THAT WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY, AND

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1 ALSO THE INTERNET. UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS ARE TOOLS THAT WE
2 HAVE TODAY THAT ALLOW US TO TAKE PHONE CALLS, HAVE MEETINGS
3 WITH VIDEO CONFERENCING, AND COMMUNICATE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.
4 AND THAT'S GOING TO BE A KEY TECHNOLOGY AND TOOL SET FOR THIS
5 PILOT. ALSO, ACCESS TO APPLICATIONS AND SERVICES AND FILES
6 THAT WE HAVE THE EMPLOYEES -- THAT THE EMPLOYEES NEED TO
7 EFFICIENTLY WORK. AND THEN WE GOT TO REMEMBER ALSO THAT WE
8 HAVE TO HAVE THE SAME SECURITY CONTROLS THAT WE WOULD NORMALLY
9 HAVE FROM AN I.T. PERSPECTIVE AND A PHYSICAL SECURITY
10 PERSPECTIVE. SO, AGAIN, THESE TOOLS EXIST. WE NEED TO SET THE
11 EMPLOYEES UP FOR SUCCESS. AND LEARN FROM THIS PILOT. AND WE'RE
12 EXCITED TO SUPPORT IT. SO THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SKYE PATRICK.

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16 **SKYE PATRICK:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

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20 **SKYE PATRICK:** AS A SMALL DEPARTMENT, WE'RE JUST REALLY EXCITED
21 TO PARTICIPATE. WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS CONVERSATION FOR
22 SOMETIME. I CAN DEFINITELY SAY TO YOU THAT AT LEAST 15 PERCENT
23 OF OUR BACK OFFICE STAFF STANDS TO BENEFIT FROM THIS PILOT. WE
24 HAVE SOME OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS DRIVING 40 TO 100 MILES ROUND
25 TRIP. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE 87 LOCATIONS, SO THIS CERTAINLY

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1 PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK AT HOW WE STAFF LONG
2 TERM AFTER THE PILOT. WE SEE AN IMMENSE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
3 DEPARTMENT TO MINIMIZE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT AND TO TAKE
4 ADVANTAGE OF THIS PILOT AND UTILIZING A HYBRID MODEL OF THE
5 COWORKING, THE COLLOCATION, CERTAINLY THE TELECOMMUTING, AND
6 DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO JUST REALLY UTILIZE OUR
7 STAFF IN ALL THE RIGHT WAYS. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING
8 US TO PARTICIPATE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. FERRER.

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. AND THANK YOU
13 SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS. AND I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK
14 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND KUEHL FOR SPONSORING THIS MOTION. YOU
15 KNOW, I FEEL THE SAME WAY AS OUR WONDERFUL LIBRARIAN DOES THAT
16 THIS IS A REALLY EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 PUBLIC HEALTH. WE ALREADY HAVE ABOUT 300 EMPLOYEES THAT ARE
18 PARTICIPATING IN THE TELEWORK OPPORTUNITY. BUT THAT REALLY IS
19 A SPECIAL JOB THAT ALLOWS YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN TELEWORK. WE
20 HAVE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ALMOST A THOUSAND EMPLOYEES THAT ARE IN
21 THE FIELD EVERY DAY. AND WE THINK THIS IS AN ENORMOUS
22 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO REALLY ADDRESS SOME OF THE
23 ISSUES THAT THEY ADDRESSED WITH ME WHEN I HAVE SMALL MEETINGS
24 WITH DIFFERENT STAFF PEOPLE, WHICH IS THEY ARE OUT IN THE
25 FIELD ALL DAY, BUT THEY HAVE TO START AND END THEIR DAY AT A

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1 CENTRALIZED OFFICE LOCATION. AND I WANT TO SAY, FOR THOSE
2 CENTRALIZED OFFICE LOCATIONS, WE'RE PAYING ALMOST A MILLION
3 DOLLARS A MONTH FOR THESE INSPECTORS WHO ARE REALLY OUT IN THE
4 FIELD ALL DAY. SO THIS, FOR US, IS BOTH EXCITING. I THINK IT
5 MEETS THE NEEDS THAT EMPLOYEES ARE ASKING US FOR, WHICH IS IS
6 THERE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT I START MY DAY AND END MY DAY
7 CLOSER TO MY HOME, AND IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY FOR US TO
8 REALLY COME TOGETHER AS A COUNTY AND FIGURE OUT HOW WE REDUCE
9 UNNECESSARY TRAVEL. FOR INSPECTORS THAT REALLY ARE TRAVELING A
10 LOT DURING THE DAY, THEY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING PART OF THIS
11 LARGER EFFORT TO REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT. AND AS THE
12 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE'RE SO EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO BE
13 PART OF THE PILOT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING US TO
14 BE PART OF THE PILOT. AND I WANT TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK
15 BOTH THE C.E.O. AND THE C.I.O. FOR SUPPORTING THIS BECAUSE,
16 YOU KNOW, I THINK AS BILL ELOQUENTLY EXPLAINED, WE NEED THE
17 TOOLS TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. AND BILL HAS THOSE TOOLS AND HAS
18 BEEN REALLY GRACIOUS ABOUT TRAINING ALL OF US IN HOW WE CAN
19 USE THOSE TOOLS TO CREATE THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR CO-LOCATING
20 STAFF IN SHARED SPACE.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID YOU WANT TO
23 SAY SOMETHING NOW OR WAIT UNTIL AFTER? OKAY. LAST BUT NOT
24 LEAST, SCOTT MINNIX.

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1 **SCOTT MINNIX:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE. AND I
2 WANT MY ENTHUSIASM TO MATCH THAT OF LISA GARRETT. SHE'S ALWAYS
3 SO ENTHUSIASTIC. SO I'M GOING TO SAY I AM SO EXCITED TO BE
4 HERE. [LAUGHTER.] I THINK THIS IS SUCH A GREAT THING. I THINK
5 THIS IS WONDERFUL. SO THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE. AS I WAS
6 DOING MY RESEARCH ON THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE EMPLOYEE
7 WORKPLACES, RARELY IS THERE ONE TOPIC THAT CAN UNITE BOTH THE
8 EMPLOYER AND THE EMPLOYEE THAN TELEWORK. AND OVER THE LAST
9 MONTH, I.S.D. HAS BEEN WORKING ON A G.I.S. APPLICATION FOR OUR
10 DEPARTMENT TO REALLY SHOW YOU THE EMPIRICAL DATA BEHIND WHAT
11 OUR EMPLOYEES DO IN TERMS OF COMMUTING ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND
12 THAT SAME G.I.S. ANALYTICS THAT WE'RE USING FOR I.S.D., WE'RE
13 GOING TO BE WORKING WITH THE LIBRARY AND DR. FERRER WITH THE
14 HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON HOW THEY CAN ACTUALLY TRACK REAL DATA ON
15 THEIR EMPLOYEES AND HOW MUCH THEY COMMUTE. YOU GAVE SOME
16 ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE THIS MORNING. BUT LET ME SHARE WITH YOU THE
17 I.S.D. DATA THAT WE USED, THAT WE HAD FOR OUR DOWNEY EMPLOYEES
18 JUST TO ILLUSTRATE HOW TELEWORKING CAN HELP. SO HOW FAR AND
19 HOW LONG DO I.S.D. COUNTY EMPLOYEES DRIVE? SO WE STUDIED 632
20 EMPLOYEES REPORTING TO OUR I.S.D. ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING IN
21 DOWNEY. SO ON A DAILY BASIS, I.S.D. EMPLOYEES AT DOWNEY DRIVE
22 APPROXIMATELY 800 HOURS PER DAY. THEY DRIVE APPROXIMATELY
23 25,000 MILES. THEY CONSUME OVER 1,000 GALLONS OF GAS AND SPEND
24 ABOUT \$3300 ON GAS PER DAY AND EMIT 900 METRIC TONS OF C.O.₂.
25 LET ME EXTRAPOLATE OUT TO A WEEKLY BASIS. ON A WEEKLY BASIS,

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1 I.S.D. EMPLOYEES DRIVE ABOUT 4,000 HOURS A WEEK, ABOUT A
2 112,000 MILES. THEY CONSUME OVER 5,000 GALLONS OF GASOLINE.
3 AND THEY SPEND NEARLY \$20,000 ON GAS PER WEEK. AND THEY EMIT
4 45 METRIC TONS OF C.O.2. NOW, WAIT. LET'S GO THIS ANNUALLY.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WAIT, THERE'S MORE.

7

8 **SCOTT MINNIX:** HEY, I LIKE THAT. ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, I.S.D.
9 EMPLOYEES AT ONE LOCATION DRIVE 200,000 HOURS, 200,000 HOURS
10 ANNUALLY, I.S.D. EMPLOYEES AT ONE LOCATION ARE DRIVING. THEY
11 DRIVE APPROXIMATELY 6 MILLION MILES. THEY CONSUME NEARLY
12 260,000 GALLONS OF GASOLINE. THEY SPEND NEARLY 1 MILLION
13 DOLLARS A YEAR ANNUALLY ON GAS. AND THEY EMIT NEARLY 2500
14 METRIC TONS OF C.O.2. SO YOU ASKED ME ABOUT TELEWORK AND THE
15 BENEFITS OF TELEWORKING. IT'S AMAZING WHAT BEING ABLE TO HAVE
16 PEOPLE WORK CLOSER TO HOME WILL DO. IT WILL REDUCE THEIR
17 STRESS. DOES ANYBODY GET STRESSED DRIVING? GIVE PEOPLE MORE
18 HOURS TO SPEND IN THE WAYS THAT THEY FIND ARE MORE PRODUCTIVE,
19 SPENDING AT HOME, VOLUNTEERING, THOSE TYPE OF THINGS. THIS
20 LEADS OUR EMPLOYEES TO BE BETTER, YOU MENTIONED HAPPIER
21 EMPLOYEES, WHO IN THE END CAN SERVE OUR CONSTITUENTS BETTER.
22 WE BELIEVE THAT THROUGH THIS TELEWORK PROJECT, WE WILL SEE
23 FIVE THINGS. WE WILL SEE INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY. WE WILL
24 DECREASE OUR TURNOVER. WE WILL IMPROVE MORALE. WE WILL HAVE
25 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION. WE WILL BE ECOFRIENDLY. AND

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1 WE'LL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE BETTER CUSTOMER SERVICE AND
2 AVAILABILITY THROUGHOUT ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. SO YOU ASK ME
3 WHY I.S.D. SUPPORTS THIS. WHY DON'T WE ALL?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THOSE WERE AMAZING STATISTICS.
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK IT'S ALSO A
9 CHALLENGE TO THESE DEPARTMENTS AND TO ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS
10 BECAUSE AS WELL AS WE'VE DONE TO SAY THAT 7600 PEOPLE HAVE
11 SIGNED UP AND TRAINED FOR TELECOMMUTING, WHEN MIKE ANTONOVICH
12 BROUGHT THE FIRST MOTION ABOUT TELECOMMUTING IN 1992, WHICH
13 WAS REALLY ABOUT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BECAUSE THAT WAS, YOU
14 KNOW, QUITE A DRIVE BACK AND FORTH, IT WASN'T NECESSARILY THAT
15 HE WAS SO ECOFRIENDLY, BUT HE WAS THINKING ABOUT OUR
16 EMPLOYEES. AND YET 7600 OUT OF 110,000 EMPLOYEES IS NOT REALLY
17 ALL THAT MANY. AND THE TRUTH IS, ONLY ABOUT 1200 ACTIVELY
18 RECORDED THAT THEY DID TELEWORK ON THEIR E.C.A.P.S. TIME
19 CARDS, THOUGH MANY MORE MIGHT HAVE. AND I THINK THAT IT'S A
20 CHALLENGE ALSO FOR C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO HELP US THINK THIS
21 THROUGH BECAUSE DEPARTMENTS ARE VERY, WHAT SHALL I SAY, PROUD
22 OF THE WORK SPACE THAT THEY CONTROL. AND THEY WANT TO CONTROL
23 CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF WORK SPACE AND KEEP THEIR BUILDINGS AND,
24 YOU KNOW, THEIR OFFICES. BUT IT IS CONVENIENT AND ALSO A KIND
25 OF INFORMALLY DONE, THERE'S A LOT OF PUBLIC WORKS PEOPLE OUT

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1 HELPING US IN THE WOOLSEY FIRE RECOVERY, FOR INSTANCE. THEY
2 ARE OUT EVERY DAY OUT IN THAT AREA. AND THEY WILL STOP IN TO
3 OUR ONE STOP SHOP IN CALABASAS. IT'S NOT THEIR OFFICE. WE
4 DON'T REALLY HAVE FLEXIBLE WORKSTATIONS. BUT THEY'LL STOP
5 THERE AND, YOU KNOW, USE IT AS AN OFFICE FOR A WHILE. SO I
6 THINK THE CHALLENGE IS FOR OUR DEPARTMENTS TO REALLY HONESTLY
7 THINK CREATIVELY AND REALLY HONESTLY ASK EMPLOYEES WHAT MIGHT
8 WORK FOR THEM AND SEE IF WE CAN'T REALLY MAKE IT WORK BECAUSE
9 WHAT IF ALL -- THERE ARE 100 I.S.D. EMPLOYEES OUT IN AN AREA
10 WHERE THERE'S A FABULOUS LIBRARY FLEXIBLE WORKSTATION? AND IS
11 THERE A WAY TO USE FLEXIBLE WORKSTATIONS THAT DOESN'T BELONG
12 TO THAT DEPARTMENT? AND I WOULD CHALLENGE US IN LOOKING AT
13 THIS OVER THE YEAR TO THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE WE OBVIOUSLY
14 ASSIGN CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS. YOU KNOW,
15 AND WE WORRY ABOUT HOW MUCH SPACE WE'VE GOT. AND IT MEANS
16 SOMETHING TO US. BUT IF WE CAN THINK ABOUT THIS AS TRUE
17 FLEXIBILITY FOR THE WORKERS BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE WORK SPACES
18 ARE FUNGIBLE. THEY ARE A PLACE TO SIT AND USE WIRELESS. AND WE
19 COULD REALLY SHARE MORE THAN JUST WORKSTATIONS IN A PARTICULAR
20 DEPARTMENT. SO I'D WANT US TO THINK ABOUT THAT, AS WELL
21 BECAUSE THERE ALREADY ARE PLACES WHERE WE EXIST IN DIFFERENT
22 PARTS OF THE COUNTY WHERE THERE COULD BE FIVE STATIONS THAT
23 COULD BE FLEXIBLE WORKSTATIONS. SO I WANT US TO THINK AS WE GO
24 ALONG FOR THOSE KINDS OF CONNECTIONS, AS WELL, IF WE MIGHT.
25 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND, YEAH, I

3 MEAN, I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS, AS WELL. WHEN I LISTEN TO

4 EACH OF YOU SPEAK ABOUT YOUR OWN EMPLOYEES IN YOUR DEPARTMENTS

5 AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE THIS COULD MAKE THAT IN THEIR LIVES --

6 SCOTT, JUST LISTENING TO THE FIVE THINGS YOU SAID WE CAN

7 ACCOMPLISH, I THINK BY DOING THIS, IF IT'S SUCCESSFUL, WE'RE

8 GOING TO DO MORE THAN ALMOST ANYTHING ELSE WE'VE DONE TO

9 CERTAINLY REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT, SAVE MONEY ON GAS, AND,

10 YOU KNOW, AGAIN, HELP THE COMMUTE ON THE FREEWAYS FOR ALL THE

11 OTHER PEOPLE WHO AREN'T WORKING FOR A COMPANY THAT OFFERS THEM

12 MOBILITY. AND, AGAIN, WE WORK REALLY HARD ON METRO AS

13 DIRECTORS. AND WE ARE BUILDING A LOT OF PROJECTS THAT WE HOPE

14 WILL GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS. BUT A LOT OF THOSE PROJECTS

15 WILL NOT BE DONE -- I MEAN OUR GOAL IS '28 FOR MANY OF THOSE

16 PROJECTS. SO IN THE MEANTIME, I THINK THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT

17 INITIATIVE. AND I'M SURE WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY THAT'S

18 PROBABLY EVER UNDERTAKEN THIS CONCEPT. BUT I THINK, AGAIN, WE

19 COULD BE THE MODEL FOR OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES TO DO THE

20 SAME. AND ONE DAY WE REALLY WILL NOT SEE ALL THESE PEOPLE ON

21 THE FREEWAYS AT THE SAME TIME. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR

22 WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO

23 TRY TO SEE HOW WE COULD MAKE THIS WORK. AND I THINK ONE OF OUR

24 OTHER CHALLENGES IS, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ON TODAY'S AGENDA OR

25 LAST WEEK'S, BUT AGAIN WE ARE CONSTANTLY RENEWING LEASES,

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1 FIVE-YEAR, TEN-YEAR LEASES FOR THE BRICK AND MORTAR BUILDINGS.
2 AND SO I ALSO THINK OUR CHALLENGE IS HOW DO WE BALANCE THIS
3 IDEA OF POSSIBLY GIVING OUR EMPLOYEES MORE FLEXIBILITY WITH US
4 GETTING LOCKED INTO THESE LONG-TERM LEASES. AND I WANT TO MAKE
5 SURE THAT THIS IS ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT AS WE
6 EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I COMMEND BOTH YOU AND
9 SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. IT IS EXCITING
10 BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY FEDERAL AGENCIES WHEN I RECALL SERVING
11 BACK IN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION, WE WORKED ON THE CUSP OF
12 STARTING THIS DISCUSSION WITH OUR MAJOR FEDERAL OFFICES. AND
13 IT WILL REDUCE, I THINK, STRESS ON INDIVIDUALS MENTAL HEALTH,
14 BUT ALSO WORKERS' COMP. BECAUSE THAT ALSO, WE SHOULD LOOK AT
15 THOSE RISK FACTORS, AS WELL BECAUSE I KNOW THAT'S ALSO
16 TROUBLING FOR OUR MANAGEMENT TO THINK ABOUT. HOW DO WE REDUCE
17 THAT? THIS TO COULD BE ANOTHER MECHANISM OUT THERE. BUT I DO
18 HAVE A QUESTION FOR OUR LIBRARIES BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT
19 SOUNDS GOOD TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE LIBRARIES AS ANOTHER WORK
20 SITE FOR INDIVIDUALS. BUT WE DO HAVE, HOW COULD I SAY, A
21 DECAYING -- I DON'T WANT TO SAY DECAYING. MAYBE THAT'S NOT THE
22 RIGHT WORD, BUT IN TERMS OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AT SOME OF OUR
23 LIBRARIES, OUR CAPACITY IN SOME WAYS HAS TO GROW. SO THE I.T.
24 ASPECT IS GOING TO ALSO HAVE TO REFLECT THAT. AND THAT MEANS A
25 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE WE HAVE TO BUILD IN. AND

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1 I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT SOME OF THE LIBRARIES THAT ARE IN MY
2 DISTRICT, ONE IN PARTICULAR WAS COVINA WHERE I KNOW THERE ARE
3 LOT OF PEOPLE WHO GO THERE. IT'S A GOOD CENTER. BUT TO CREATE
4 AN OPPORTUNITY SO THAT WE REALLY INVEST IN THE I.T. STRUCTURE
5 AND THAT WE CAN INTERACT WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS. WE HAVE A NEW
6 BUILDING, A D.P.S.S. CITY OF INDUSTRY, STATE-OF-THE-ART. I
7 DON'T KNOW IF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN THERE AT ALL. BUT IT'S
8 WORTHWHILE SCOPING THAT OUT, LOOKING TO SEE HOW WE CAN GET
9 OTHER AGENCIES THAT ARE NEARBY TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THEIR
10 CONFERENCE ROOM AND THEIR FACILITIES THERE. IT'S SPECTACULAR.
11 MY HAT GOES OUT TO I.S.D. BECAUSE THEY HAVE SOME OF THE MOST
12 HIGHLY TECHNICAL-BASED INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT THERE THAT WE
13 HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR. WE OUGHT TO BE UTILIZING THAT. BUT HOW
14 DOES THAT CONNECT WITH, SAY, OTHER OFFICES. SO WE ALSO HAVE TO
15 HAVE I THINK PORTALS THAT WILL ALLOW US TO MAKE SURE WE ARE
16 CONNECTING. THAT I.T. SYSTEM REALLY DOES CONNECT. AND THAT WE
17 ALSO HAVE PRIVACY. THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT CYBERSECURITY AND
18 ALL OF THOSE ELEMENTS ARE ALSO FACTORED IN BECAUSE THOSE ARE
19 COSTS. AND I'M NOT SAYING THEY'RE UNREASONABLE. BUT I THINK WE
20 NEED TO ALSO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THAT. BUT I SUPPORT MOVING
21 FORWARD. I ESPECIALLY THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
22 CARETAKERS IF THEY HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS OR THINGS THAT ARE
23 GOING ON THAT WOULD WOULD THEN ALLOW THEM TO HAVE FREED UP
24 OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO EVEN DO THIS FROM HOME OR AT A
25 LOCATION THAT'S CLOSER TO THE PERSON THAT THEY'RE TAKING CARE

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1 OF. SO I'M VERY MINDFUL AND THANK YOU. I THINK IT'S
2 INNOVATIVE. AND WE OUGHT TO MAKE THE INVESTMENT, BUT
3 MANAGEMENT ALSO HAS TO BUY IN AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY CAN
4 TRUST OUR EMPLOYEES TO BE ABLE DO THE RIGHT THING, THAT
5 THERE'S ACCOUNTABILITY SET IN THERE AND REWARDS. REWARDS. I
6 DON'T THINK YOU JUST HAVE THE STICK. BUT YOU HAVE THE CARROT
7 ALSO. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT. SCOTT, YOU SAID SOMETHING
12 THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF YOUR OUTLINE OF HOW EXCITED YOU ARE
13 ABOUT THIS AND ALL, ABOUT HOW MUCH COUNTY EMPLOYEES DRIVE. AND
14 ONE OF THE THINGS, A TAKE AWAY FOR ME, WAS THAT WE'VE GOT TO
15 DO A BETTER JOB AS IT RELATES TO MAYBE FLEX HOURS FOR THOSE
16 BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO TO A
17 LIBRARY OR GO SOME PLACE. DURING THE OLYMPICS, THAT WAS ONE OF
18 THE RECIPES THAT WORKED. AND THAT IS CHANGING THE TYPICAL
19 HOURS THAT PEOPLE WORK. AND THERE ARE SOME, EVEN WITH
20 CHILDCARE, THAT ARE GOING TO BE RESTRAINED, BUT THERE ARE
21 OTHERS WHO WOULD PREFER, YOU KNOW, TO GET UP EARLY, GET INTO
22 WORK AND LEAVE EARLY. SO THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR
23 THAT, AS WELL. BUT ALSO, FOR THIS COUNTY TO BE MORE MINDFUL OF
24 HOW WE DO CARPOOLING. AND MAYBE BETTER INCENTIVES FOR PEOPLE
25 TO CARPOOL. I KNOW WE FILL OUT THE CARPOOL SURVEY. I DON'T

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1 KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT OR HOW WE INCORPORATE THAT OR IF
2 THERE IS ANY ROOM FOR SUGGESTIONS AS IT RELATES TO HOW WE CAN
3 DO THINGS BETTER. BUT I THINK THERE MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
4 LOOK AT THAT, AS WELL BECAUSE THIS IS NOT GOING TO WORK FOR
5 ALL EMPLOYEES. AND EVEN WHEN WE DID THE 440, THERE WERE SOME
6 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAD TO OPT OUT BECAUSE IT'S NOT A -- THERE
7 ARE SOME DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE 24/7 OR ALWAYS NEED TO BE ON
8 CALL. AND SO I THINK THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES TO LOOK BEYOND THIS
9 MOTION AT WHERE WE NEED TO DO BETTER AS IT RELATES TO
10 CARPOOLING AND TRANSPORTATION AS A WHOLE. BUT I THINK IT'S A
11 GREAT MOTION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THE REPORT BACK.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN TO OUR
14 DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO HERE TODAY AND ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS
15 PROCESS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL UP MEMBERS OF
16 THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
19 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
20 NAME AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MICHAEL GREEN, HERMAN HERMAN,
21 KENNETH BATISTE, AND RED CHIEF HUNT. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
22 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELCOME.

25

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1 **MICHAEL GREEN:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING -- GOOD AFTERNOON,
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO THE MADAM CHAIR. I'M MICHAEL GREEN
3 FROM S.E.I.U. 721, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR L.A. COUNTY. I'M
4 GOING TO KEEP MY REMARKS BRIEF. FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
5 TELEWORK IN GENERAL AND COWORKING SPACES IN PARTICULAR
6 REPRESENT A WIN/WIN/WIN. HERE'S THREE EXAMPLES. A WIN FOR THE
7 COUNTY BUDGET AS IT ALLOWS FOR REDUCED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
8 AND REAL ESTATE COSTS. A WIN FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR WHOM THE
9 CO-WORKER SPACES OFFER GREATER CONVENIENCE AND SHORTER COMMUTE
10 TIMES AND LESS CROWDED, MORE PRODUCTIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT. AND
11 A WIN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AS TELEWORK KEEPS CARS OFF CONGESTED
12 FREEWAYS AND REDUCES OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT. SO IN RECENT YEARS,
13 OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE STAFFING TO IMPROVE COUNTY
14 SERVICES HAVE AT TIMES RUN UP AGAINST SPACE LIMITATIONS. LACK
15 OF AVAILABLE SPACE TO HOUSE ADDITIONAL STAFF SHOULD NOT BE A
16 DETERRENT TO HIRING AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS. TELEWORK AND
17 COWORKING SPACES CAN EASE THE CRUNCH. THE MEMBERS OF S.E.I.U.
18 721 SUPPORTS THIS MOTION AND APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ARE DOING.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MICHAEL. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **HERMAN HERMAN:** FIRST AND FOREMOST, YOU HEARD THEM TALK ABOUT
24 USING BUSES AND TRAINS. WHY AREN'T THEY? I'LL TELL YOU WHY. NO
25 ONE LIKES TO GET OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE. SO WHAT DO THEY

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1 DO? THEY POLLUTE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IN MASSES AS THEY USE THEIR
2 LITTLE UBER MAPS TO DRIVE THROUGH OUR COMMUNITIES LIKE THEY
3 DID IN DOWNEY. MR. MINI ME. OH HE'S GONE. WHERE IS MR. MINI
4 ME? MR. MINI ME?

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE GO AHEAD. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SPEAK ON
7 THIS ITEM.

8

9 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY MR. MINI X IS THAT YOU
10 SHOULD GET ON A BUS EVERY DAY. YOU SHOULD STAND 15 TO 30
11 MINUTES WHEN THE BUS IS LATE. OR THE TRAIN IS DELAYED LIKE I
12 HAVE TO STAND THERE AT ROSA PARKS IN THE DARK. BOO. BUT,
13 AGAIN, WHY CAN'T ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THOSE IN CAPACITY IN
14 ADMINISTRATION, LIKE MISS WICKHAM WHO STEPPED AWAY, GET ON A
15 BUS AND TRAIN? I'LL TELL YOU WHY. THEY FEAR THE DARK. AND SO
16 NOBODY WANTS TO COMMUTE. THAT'S WHY METRO'S DOWN. THAT'S WHY
17 AMTRAK'S DOWN. AND THAT'S WHY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HAS NOT
18 WORKED OUT IN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU, DONALD TRUMP. NO MORE
19 SQUASH FUNDS FOR WHO? THE GOVERNOR. WHO IS HE? NANCY PELOSI'S
20 NEPHEW. WHY? BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE'RE ALL ABOUT SERVICES IN
21 PUBLIC HEALTH, BUT YET DOWNEY IS BEING POLLUTED BECAUSE WE
22 HAVE THIS [EXPLETIVE] ROAD DIETS THAT YOU TOOK AWAY OUR
23 STREETS AND DIDN'T PROVIDE US WITH INFRASTRUCTURE THAT
24 ACTUALLY WORKS. SO SOMEONE SHOULD GO TELL THE CITY MANAGER

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1 DOWN THERE MR. LIVAS, GET ON THE J.O.B. AND FIX THE
2 [EXPLETIVE] STREETS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE CALL UP ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL PLEASE COME
7 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RED CHIEF HUNT.

10

11 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** YEAH, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. HERE'S WHAT THE
12 BOTTOM LINE IS. THERE'S NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY OF
13 LOS ANGELES, PERIOD. IF YOUR EMPLOYEES ARE HAVING THAT SAME
14 PROBLEM, AND THEY HAVE TO COMMUTE, THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM. WE
15 HAVE TOO MANY WEASELS DOWN HERE AND PEOPLE THAT DON'T WANT TO
16 HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT MAKES IT TOUGH FOR EVERYBODY. IT
17 MAKES IT TOUGH FOR YOU GUYS. IT MAKES IT TOUGH FOR US GUYS.
18 AND IT MAKES US TOUGH FOR THE WHOLE THING. THIS IS WHY, MADAM
19 PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES CITY.
20 THAT'S ANOTHER SUBJECT. BUT WE NEED TO ENGAGE IN AFFORDABLE
21 HOUSING FOR EVERYBODY SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE AND
22 THAT THEY CAN BE COMFORTABLE. IN 2028 THERE'S GOING TO BE A
23 LOT OF TRAFFIC HERE FOR SO LONG. BUT THE ECONOMY IS GOING TO
24 GO BANKRUPT HERE RIGHT AFTER DONALD TRUMP GET OUT OF OFFICE.
25 IT'S GOING TO BE JUST THE SAME WAY AS BARACK OBAMA WHEN HE

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1 CAME IN. WE HAVE TO FIX THE PROBLEM. BUT THE WHOLE PROBLEM IS
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WHO CAN SPEND \$2400 A MONTH FOR A ONE
3 BEDROOM APARTMENT AND NOT EVEN US AND NOT EVEN YOU GUYS
4 EMPLOYED, THIS IS WHY THEY HAVE TO COMMUTE. THEY TOLD ME TO
5 MOVE OUT TO PALMDALE. I'M NOT MOVING OUT TO PALMDALE. WE NEED
6 TO BRING THE SUBSIDIES UP TO LEVEL, AN INFLATION LEVEL, AND
7 BRING EVERYBODY'S PAYCHECK UP SO THAT THEY CAN AFFORD TO LIVE
8 IN LOS ANGELES. THE RED CHIEF HUNT. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM APPLAUSE IN
11 THE AUDIENCE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES, GIVING HONOR TO GOD. THIS IS MUCH NEEDED. I'VE
14 WORKED IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND PROBATION.
15 WE WENT AHEAD AND YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND HOW
16 FAR. I KNEW AT LEAST 40 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE THAT WERE
17 WORKING WITH ME IN PROBATION WERE LIVING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE.
18 SO THE REASON I SAY THIS IS BECAUSE, FIRST THING, I'M GOING TO
19 COMPARE OUR PUBLIC SYSTEM TO THE ONES IN EUROPE. I USED TO
20 PLAY BASKETBALL PROFESSIONALLY IN EUROPE. I WENT AHEAD, AND WE
21 TALKED ABOUT THE TUBE. WE CAN GO AHEAD AND TALK ABOUT THE
22 METRO. WE CAN TALK ABOUT ALL THOSE THINGS, RUNNING CHAMPS
23 ELYSEES, ALL THE REST OF IT. THE POINT OF IT IS WE NEED TO
24 MAKE OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MORE SAFER. WE'RE
25 TALKING ABOUT GOING AHEAD AND PEOPLE GETTING OUT OF THEIR

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1 CARS. THE OTHER THING SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID WAS ABOUT THE
2 HOURS, CHANGING THEM SO THAT -- YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE
3 PEOPLE AT THE CAMPS, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN GET THERE AND GET OUT
4 BEFORE YOU HAVE YOUR PEAK HOURS BEFORE, WHILE THEY'RE TRYING
5 TO GO AHEAD SO THEY DON'T CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM OF HAVING
6 TRAFFIC AS WE SAID ABOUT THE FLEX HOURS. CONDENSED LIVING, WE
7 HAVE A LOT OF CONDENSED LIVING COMPLEXES GOING UP NOWADAYS.
8 AND A LOT OF THE IMPACT IS NOT EVEN WENT AHEAD AND BEEN
9 FACTORED INTO. SO WHAT DOES IT COST? I COME IN ON THE 91. WHEN
10 YOU COME THROUGH CERRITOS, IT'S CALLED THE CERRITOS CRAWL
11 BECAUSE YOU SLOW DOWN. NO IFS, ANDS OR BUTS ABOUT IT BEFORE
12 YOU GET TO THAT 605, YOU SLOW DOWN. SO THE POINT OF IT IS THIS
13 IS REALLY NEEDED. SECURITY, LIKE I SAID, AND TO HELP RECRUIT
14 PEOPLE WHEN THE COUNTY WANTS TO GO AFTER SOMEBODY. THANK YOU
15 VERY MUCH. >SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK THAT'S A VERY
19 GOOD IDEA. BUT YOU HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY WELL DESIGNED
20 TO DO THAT AND SOME OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT. AND I THINK
21 THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT IT BECAUSE IT DEPEND ON
22 THE PERSONALITY OF THE EMPLOYEE, HOW COMMITTED THEY ARE TO
23 THEIR WORK AND SO ON. AND ALSO YOU LOSE A LOT OF THE TEAM
24 SPIRIT AND SO ON. SO I THINK YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE PRO AND
25 CON. AND I THINK DIFFERENT JOB FUNCTIONS ARE MORE SUITABLE FOR

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1 THAT KIND OF SETTING, BUT SOME ARE NOT. AND I HAVE NOTICED
2 MYSELF, WHEN I DEAL WITH SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE COMMUTING, SO-
3 CALLED, MANY TIMES YOU ARE REALLY LESS LIKELY TO GET THE
4 SERVICE YOU NEED. AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A COINCIDENCE OR
5 NOT, BUT LIKE I SAID, SOME PEOPLE ARE MUCH MORE SUITED THAN
6 NOT. BUT I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION. THOSE PEOPLE WILL BE ON
7 SPECIFIC OFFICES WHO ARE DESIGNED AND BELONG TO THE COUNTY,
8 THAT IS CORRECT? THEY ARE NOT DOING THAT FROM HOME?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, WE'RE GOING GET A REPORT BACK THAT'S
11 GOING TO EXPLORE THESE OPTIONS.

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OKAY BECAUSE IT'S A BIG DIFFERENCE OF
14 THE PEOPLE REPORTING FROM HOME VERSUS THE ONE IN SOME SO-
15 CALLED OFFICES. AND I THINK YOU REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT.
16 YOU ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THE TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS AVAILABLE
17 BECAUSE, LIKE AN EXAMPLE, IN ALTADENA, THERE'S A LOT OF PLACES
18 WHERE THE WIFI IS VERY BAD. SO YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE
19 SAME KIND OF WORK OR THE CAPABILITY TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU
20 NEED TO DO YOUR WORK. AND I THINK IT'S TRUE FOR A LOT OF
21 PLACES IN THE COUNTY. SO I THINK YOU REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT
22 THAT. BUT I THINK FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT WILL WORK VERY WELL. AND
23 FOR SOME, NOT. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK THOSE ARE ALL THE
2 SPEAKERS THAT ARE HERE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, SO THIS ITEM IS
3 BEFORE US. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY
4 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS
5 VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS. OKAY. OUR NEXT ITEM IS 17. BALLONA CREEK TRASH
7 REDUCTION, ALSO HELD BY ME. AND I'LL MAKE SOME OPENING
8 REMARKS. SINCE LAST OCTOBER, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
9 HAS PICKED UP OVER 37 TONS OF TRASH IN BALLONA CREEK. AND IF
10 YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO BALLONA CREEK AFTER A RAINSTORM, TAKE A
11 LOOK UP AT THE SCREEN TO GET AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH TRASH
12 ACCUMULATES. WHOO. IT'S A TERRIBLE SIGHT TO BEHOLD. AND
13 EQUALLY DISTRESSING TO ME IS HOW MUCH TRASH WE WEREN'T ABLE TO
14 CAPTURE THAT FLOWS DOWN OUR WATERWAYS INTO THE OCEAN AND THEN
15 WASHES UP ON OUR BEACHES. THIS MOTION ASKS WHAT CAN BE DONE TO
16 REDUCE TRASH ENTERING OUR WATERWAYS IN THE FIRST PLACE, AS
17 WELL AS WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THE TRASH THAT DOES END UP
18 THERE. THIS CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF STRONG ADVOCACY BY
19 RESIDENTS WHO LIVE NEAR BALLONA CREEK WHO ARE TIRED OF SEEING
20 IT OVERRUN WITH TRASH EVERY RAINY SEASON. AN INTERESTING
21 OPTION BEING CHAMPIONED BY OUR PLAYA DEL REY RESIDENT LUCY
22 HAHN IS AN INNER HARBOR WATER WHEEL. BALTIMORE ALREADY HAS AN
23 INNER HARBOR WATER WHEEL, AND IT USES SOLAR PANELS AND THE
24 POWER OF THE WATER'S CURRENT TO COLLECT FLOATING TRASH ON A
25 MOVING CONVEYOR BELT. THE TRASH IS THEN PLACED ON A DUMPSTER

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1 AND SAFELY REMOVED FROM OUR OCEAN. AFTER THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT
2 RAINSTORM OF THE SEASON, THE TRASH WHEEL REMOVED 19 TONS OF
3 GARBAGE FROM BALTIMORE'S WATER FRONT IN JUST ONE DAY. I THINK
4 THIS IS PROMISING, BUT WE ALSO OBVIOUSLY AT THE SAME TIME NEED
5 TO WORK UPSTREAM AND LOOK AT WAYS THE COUNTY CAN PARTNER WITH
6 CITIES ON REDUCING THE TRASH ENTERING OUR WATERWAYS IN THE
7 FIRST PLACE. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT MEASURE W. IS A BIG PART OF
8 THE UPSTREAM SOLUTION. BUT THERE ARE ALSO GOOD OPPORTUNITIES
9 FOR US TO WORK WITH CITIES TO PURSUE GRANT FUNDING FOR TRASH
10 REDUCTION STRATEGIES, SUCH AS ADDITIONAL STREET SWEEPING, MORE
11 CATCH BASINS, AND OTHER WAYS TO KEEP TRASH OUT OF OUR CHANNELS
12 AND CREEKS. I WANTED TO THANK LUCY AND OTHER RESIDENTS THAT
13 CAME DOWN TODAY FOR THEIR GOOD WORK ON THIS SERIOUS ISSUE.
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS A GOOD THING, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT IS THE SECOND COMPLIMENT YOU'VE GIVEN
19 ME TODAY.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WAS ACTUALLY THE THIRD. YOU'LL REMEMBER
22 THE FIRST A LITTLE LATER. THANK YOU SO MUCH. CONSULT MR.
23 NAIMO. THE TRASH ISSUE, OR THE ISSUE OF TRASH ON BALLONA CREEK
24 AND UNFORTUNATELY SO MANY OTHER CHANNELS, MAY NOT BE A NEW
25 ONE, BUT IT CONTINUES TO BE A PERVASIVE ONE. WE'VE BEEN

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1 WORKING ALONG THE PATH IN TERMS OF DEALING WITH GREENWAYS
2 ALONG THE CREEK FOR A GOOD PORTION OF THE TIME THAT I'VE BEEN
3 ON THE BOARD. AND WE'VE HAD SOME TREMENDOUS SUCCESS IN THAT
4 REGARD. SO WHAT WE SEE ON THE SCREEN HERE IS NOT WHAT HAS TO
5 BE. AND IT AFFORDS US A PRETTY REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN
6 THIS UP. THERE'S SOME ENTREPRENEURIAL ASPECTS THAT ARE
7 ATTACHED TO THIS POTENTIALLY. IT DEALS WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL
8 RESPONSIBILITY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ISSUE, THE
9 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUE. AND I KNOW THIS IS TOP OF MIND
10 FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THIS ISSUE IS COMPLETELY
11 CONSISTENT WITH THE WORK BEING DONE IN COORDINATION WITH THE
12 WATER BOARD AND ALSO IN TERMS OF OUR STORMWATER PERMITS. AND
13 IT'S OBVIOUSLY TIED TO THE OBJECTIVES AND THE GOALS RELATED TO
14 WATER QUALITY THAT WERE HIGHLIGHTED AS A PART OF OUR RECENT
15 EFFORT LED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL IN TERMS OF MEASURE W. SO, I
16 THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME, THE RIGHT STUFF. AND WE OUGHT TO
17 JUST GO AT IT TO MAKE THIS BETTER. IT'S A QUALITY OF LIFE
18 ISSUE, MADAM CHAIR. ALL OF US KNOW AND APPRECIATE THIS. I
19 MARVEL AT WHAT WAS AND GAZE INTO THE FUTURE IN TERMS OF WHAT
20 CAN BE. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY. AND SO ONCE
21 AGAIN WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
22 THE BALANCE OF THE REPORT TODAY.

23

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. MARK
2 PESTRELLA, WELCOME. DID YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT
3 THIS?

4

5 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, JUST THANK YOU FOR THE
6 MOTION. THE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE BEEN
7 QUITE DILIGENT AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONED, AND I
8 KNOW YOUR OFFICE IS AWARE, AS WELL, ABOUT THE EFFORTS TO DATE
9 THAT HAVE BEEN HAPPENING. I WANT THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED
10 CITIZENS TO KNOW THEY'VE DONE A TREMENDOUS WORK IN THIS AREA.
11 ABOUT 4 PERCENT OF THE LAND AREA HERE IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE
12 DRAINAGE THAT YOU'RE SEEING THERE. AND A LARGE, VERY
13 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THE AREA IS CONTRIBUTED BY CITIZENS FROM
14 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT WORKING TOGETHER, WE'VE BEEN
15 WORKING TO CONTROL THE SOURCE OF POLLUTION, WHICH IS HUMAN
16 BEINGS. AND ALLOWING THIS TRASH TO END UP IN THE OCEAN IS
17 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM AND SOMETHING THAT FOR
18 MANY, MANY YEARS THE COUNTY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS.
19 IT'S LIKE CITIZENS LIKE, AS YOU MENTIONED, LUCY AND OTHERS
20 THAT HERE TODAY TO TALK WITH YOU THAT WE ARE COLLABORATING TO
21 CREATE NEW SOLUTIONS. AS MONEY BECOMES AVAILABLE, ALSO AS
22 TECHNOLOGY BECOMES AVAILABLE, WE'RE IMPLEMENTING NEW
23 TECHNOLOGIES TO CONTROL THE SOURCES OF POLLUTION BEFORE THEY
24 END UP IN THE SYSTEM LIKE THIS. THE THE DEPARTMENT AND I KNOW
25 THE COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE ARE OUTRAGED BY THOSE

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1 PICTURES YOU SHOW. THEY ACTUALLY COME FROM OUR OFFICES. ALSO I
2 WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO TALK TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT POLLUTION
3 AND THE FACT THAT IT REALLY STARTS AT HOME. IF YOU LOOK AT A
4 NUMBER OF THE PIECES OF TRASH, MOST OF THEM ARE PLASTICS THAT
5 ARE FLOATABLE. I THINK YOU'VE ALL SEEN RECENTLY WHAT'S
6 HAPPENING IN THE DOCUMENTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE OCEAN
7 POLLUTION THAT'S OCCURRING. SO IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE TACKLING
8 THIS PROBLEM AND WORKING ON IT AND ALSO BEING ENDORSED TODAY
9 TO DO MORE THAN JUST CATCH IT AT THE OUTLET BUT ALSO LOOK TO
10 INLAND AND EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT CAPTURING POLLUTION AND
11 STOPPING IT AT ITS SOURCE PRIOR TO US TRYING TO CATCH IT AT
12 THE MOUTH WHICH IS PROBABLY THE WORST PLACE FOR US TO ACTUALLY
13 DO ANY REAL GOOD. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION TODAY. AND I'M
14 HERE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
17 CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON
18 THIS ITEM.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
21 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD? LUCY HAHN,
22 GABRIELLE D'ADDARIO, NATASHA KHAMASHTA, ERIC PREVEN, AND
23 NICOLE PARSONS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

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2 **LUCY HAHN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US AND LETTING
3 US TELL OUR STORY. MY NAME IS LUCY HAHN.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO RELATION TO ME, IN CASE --

6

7 **LUCY HAHN:** OH RIGHT, WE'RE RELATED. I REPRESENT FRIENDS OF THE
8 JUNGLE. WE'RE A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN PLAYA DEL REY. MR.
9 TRASHWELL IS A SOLUTION TO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER WHICH
10 HAPPENS AFTER EVERY STORM. A FEW YEARS AGO, WE NOTICED OUR
11 BEACHES WERE FILTHY. OUR SHORES WERE LITTERED WITH STYROFOAM,
12 PLASTIC BOTTLES, AAEROSOL CANS, EVEN HYPODERMIC NEEDLES.
13 COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS INFORMED US THAT THE BALLONA CREEK TRASH
14 NET HAD BROKEN. THEY ENSURED US THEY WOULD INSTALL A BETTER
15 NET TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. U.C.L.A. CREW TEAMS
16 PRACTICE IN BALLONA CREEK EVERY DAY. THEY SAID THE OLD NET AND
17 THE NEW NET WERE BEING OVERWHELMED WITH TRASH AFTER EVERY
18 STORM. THIS STORM SEASON, COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF TRASH ARE
19 POLLUTING SANTA MONICA BAY AND BALLONA CREEK ECOLOGICAL
20 RESERVE WHICH IS HOME TO THE ENDANGERED BLUE BUTTERFLY. IN
21 FACT, THERE WAS A 60 MINUTES REPORT THAT COMPARED OUR TRASH TO
22 A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. THIS SEASON, COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS HAVE
23 ALREADY SPENT 150,000 CLEANING OUR CREEK. UNFORTUNATELY, MOST
24 OF THE TRASH HAS ALREADY REACHED THE OCEAN AS THEIR STAFF CAN
25 ONLY CLEAN WHEN THERE IS NO STORM AT LOW TIDE. MR. TRASHWELL

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1 IS A PROVEN ECOFRIENDLY METHOD WHICH HAS SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED
2 TRASH FROM THE BALTIMORE WATERWAYS. IT CLEANS CONTINUALLY AND
3 CAN REMOVE UP TO 60 TONS OF TRASH PER STORM. IT ALSO HAS A LOW
4 MAINTENANCE COST. THIS WHEEL IS AN ATTRACTIVE POINT OF
5 INTEREST. BALTIMORE SCHOOLS PROVIDE INSTRUCTION FIELD TRIPS TO
6 THE WHEEL TO TEACH ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY, DISPOSAL AND
7 RECYCLING OF TRASH. THEIR WHEEL HAS 30,000 FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL
8 MEDIA. IF APPROVED, OUR GROUP HAS EVEN RESERVED DOMAIN NAME
9 MSTRASHWELL.COM. L.A. CAN REPLICATE THEIR MODEL. NEWPORT
10 BEACH IS GETTING A WHEEL TO PROTECT THEIR CREEK AND WILDLIFE
11 HABITAT. WHY CAN'T WE GET A WHEEL TOO? PLEASE APPROVE THIS
12 MOTION. WE MUST PRESERVE OUR NATURAL COASTAL RESOURCE. THANK
13 YOU.

14

15 **GABRIELLE D'ADDARIO:** MY NAME IS GABRIELLE D'ADDARIO. I'M
16 REPRESENTING THE SILICON BEACH. I LIVE IN PLAYA VISTA WHERE WE
17 SADLY HAVE A LOT OF THIS TRASH PROBLEM THAT WE SEE. WE WANT TO
18 DO MORE AS A COMMUNITY TO HELP, AND WE NEED MORE SUPPORT THAN
19 WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW. THE TRASH NETS, AS LUCY SAID, ARE NOT
20 ENOUGH. THERE'S TOO MUCH, I MEAN ANY GARBAGE IS TOO MUCH
21 GARBAGE, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF GARBAGE THAT'S COMING
22 ESPECIALLY WITH THE RECENT RAIN AND WASHING INTO THE BALLONA
23 CREEK WETLANDS WHICH ARE PROTECTED AND ARE HOME TO HUNDREDS OF
24 ENDANGERED SPECIES THAT TRAVEL THROUGH THERE, MIGRATE THROUGH
25 THERE EVERY YEAR. ALSO THE NEEDLES, THE HYPODERMIC NEEDLES

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1 THAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT, HAVE BEEN GETTING WORSE BECAUSE OF
2 THE HOMELESS PROBLEM IN LOS ANGELES, MAKING OUR BEACHES UNSAFE
3 FOR FAMILIES TO GO TO. AND TOES BEACH, WHICH IS IN PLAYA DEL
4 REY, WHICH IS MOSTLY SURROUNDED, OR GETS A LOT OF THIS
5 GARBAGE, IS IN MY OPINION AS A PARENT UNUSABLE AND
6 EMBARRASSING FOR OUR CITY. I THINK THAT L.A., WE CAN LEAD THE
7 EXAMPLE. WE CAN SET THE EXAMPLE. WE CAN SHOW OTHER PEOPLE WHAT
8 YOU CAN DO. AND THE TRASH WHEEL IS AN EASY, IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S
9 AN EASY SOLUTION TO HELP US GET AHEAD OR GET AHOLD OF THE
10 PROBLEM THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE. THAT'S ALL.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

13

14 **NATASHA KHAMASHTA:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 AND CHAIR HAHN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION.
16 MY NAME IS NATASHA KHAMASHTA. AND I'M AN ALMOST 19-YEAR COUNTY
17 EMPLOYEE. AND I'VE SPOKEN TO YOU HERE BEFORE. I'M WITH THE
18 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. AND I LIVE IN PLAYA DEL REY. I'VE
19 LIVED THERE ALMOST NINE YEARS. ALL OF THOSE PICTURES ARE RIGHT
20 AT THE END OF MY BLOCK. MY SIX-YEAR-OLD SON AND I ALONG WITH
21 HIS FRIENDS THIS WHAT SOMETIMES WE DO ON THE WEEKENDS, WE GO
22 PICK UP TRASH. IT'S NOT ONLY A PUBLIC WORKS ISSUE. IT'S A
23 PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. AND IT'S ALSO WE ARE HAVING THE OLYMPICS
24 COME. AND EVERY SINGLE DISTRICT, IT'S ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR
25 BEACHES FOR PEOPLE TO COME VISIT. AND THERE ARE BASKETBALL

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1 COURTS. THERE'S VOLLEYBALL ON THE BEACH. AND WHEN YOU LOOK OUT
2 AND IT'S JUST TRASH, TRASH, TRASH, AND AND IT'S UNSIGHTLY, AND
3 IT'S UNHEALTHY. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK THAT THE PUBLIC
4 WORKS GENTLEMAN, ONE OF THOSE PICTURES IS JUST ALL SINGLE USE
5 PLASTIC BOTTLES. AND PERHAPS WE CAN FOLLOW SAN FRANCISCO'S
6 LEAD AND BAN SINGLE BOTTLE USE HERE IN L.A. CITY AND L.A.
7 COUNTY. ANOTHER BIG THING THAT I SEE, WHICH HOPEFULLY
8 SOMETHING CAN COME OUT OF THIS MOTION IS TO EDUCATE YOUTH EVEN
9 FURTHER. THE NONPROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IS
10 CALLED STAR. IT'S AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM. BUT THEY ALSO HAVE
11 THE STAR ECOSTATION WHICH IS IN CULVER CITY. THEY GO OUT TO A
12 LOT OF THE L.A.U.S.D. SCHOOLS, AND THEY EDUCATE MY SON AND HIS
13 FRIENDS ON RECYCLING, ON TRASH PICKUP, AND ON WILDLIFE. AND SO
14 IF WE CAN COLLABORATE WITH AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THEM AND
15 FRIENDS OF THE JUNGLE, WHICH LUCY AND MYSELF AND MANY, MANY
16 PEOPLE IN PLAYA DEL REY AND NEIGHBORING NEIGHBORHOODS ARE PART
17 OF, WE CAN HELP EDUCATE TO START OFF THE NEW GENERATION. AND
18 SO IT DOESN'T GET TO THIS POINT. BUT IT'S AT THIS POINT RIGHT
19 NOW. AND WE DEFINITELY NEED A TRASH WHEEL TO HELP THE
20 SITUATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARK PESTRELLA, JUST A COUPLE OF
23 THEM MENTIONED THIS HAD TRASH WHEEL. AND THIS MOTION DOES
24 SPEAK TO THAT. SO ARE WE GOING TO TRY TO GET ONE? APPLY FOR A
25 GRANT? WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE GOING TO DO?

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1

2 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, WE ARE TESTING OUR R.&D. FOLKS
3 ACTUALLY HERE TODAY ARE TESTING A NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS, ONE OF
4 THEM IS THE IDEA OF THE TRASH WHEEL. WE CURRENTLY HAVE AN
5 ACTIVE TRASH, I DON'T KNOW IF THEY CALL IT BOAT IN THE MARINA
6 DEL REY HARBOR THAT PICKS UP TRASH. BUT THE NEWPORT SITUATION
7 IN WHICH THEY HAVE THE TRASH WITHIN THE HARBOR ITSELF, THE
8 SAME WITH OUT IN BALTIMORE. WE'RE GOING TO LOOK TO SEE WHAT
9 THAT APPLICATION WOULD LOOK LIKE IN THE RIVER SYSTEM ITSELF.
10 ONE OF THE ISSUES IS THAT THE FORCE OF THE WATER MOVING DOWN
11 THE RIVER, BUT BEYOND THAT, WE ARE LOOKING AT APPLICATIONS TO
12 SEE IF WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET A GRANT TO TEST THIS FACILITY
13 IN OUR OWN WATERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER MEMBERS
16 OF THE PUBLIC. OKAY. NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SO THIS
17 IS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. ITEM 17. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN
18 AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THIS
19 ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT
20 WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW WE'RE ON ITEMS 25 AND 60. AND THEY
21 WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A FEW
22 REMARKS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD, ACTUALLY.
25 ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A NUMBER OF VERY IMPORTANT ITEMS, SOME

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1 WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD AND SOME WHICH WILL BE TALKED ABOUT I
2 THINK AT THE END BY OTHERS FROM THE PUBLIC, THIS ONE IS MY
3 FAVORITE TODAY PRIMARILY BECAUSE PEOPLE IN MY OFFICE AND OTHER
4 OFFICES AND THE C.E.O. AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND A LOT OF PEOPLE
5 HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS TO TRY TO SORT
6 IT OUT. AND THIS HAS TO DO WITH SMOKING, OR I SHOULD SAY MORE
7 IMPORTANTLY NOT SMOKING OR WHERE YOU CAN SMOKE. ACCORDING TO
8 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
9 EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE CAUSES AN ESTIMATED 41,000 DEATHS
10 EVERY YEAR AMONG ADULTS AND INCREASINGLY MORE ILLNESS AMONG
11 CHILDREN. SO IT MAKES SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE THE THIRD
12 LEADING PREVENTABLE CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES. THE
13 L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS IN L.A. COUNTY
14 TOBACCO USE IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE TOP 4 LEADING CAUSES OF
15 DEATH, CORONARY HEART DISEASE, STROKE, CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE
16 PULMONARY DISEASE, AND LUNG CANCER. ADDITIONALLY, TOBACCO-
17 RELATED ILLNESSES COST THE COUNTY ABOUT \$4.4 BILLION A YEAR
18 PRIMARILY DUE TO DIRECT HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURES AND LOST
19 PRODUCTIVITY. AND THE DANGERS OF SMOKE ARE NOT JUST BUY
20 PRODUCT OF COMBUSTIBLE TOBACCO PRODUCTS BUT ALSO EMITTED FROM
21 CANNABIS WHEN IT IS SMOKED AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES LIKE
22 E-CIGARETTES AND ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DEVICES. BOTH CANNABIS
23 AND TOBACCO SMOKE HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE PROP 65 LIST OF
24 CHEMICALS KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER,
25 BIRTH DEFECTS, AND OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM. RESEARCH CONFIRMS

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1 THAT E-CIGARETTES ARE NOT, AS MANY PEOPLE THINK, EMISSIONS-
2 FREE. AND THEIR POLLUTANTS COULD BE A HEALTH CONCERN FOR BOTH
3 THE USERS AND THOSE WHO ARE EXPOSED TO SECONDHAND AEROSOL. IN
4 2016, CALIFORNIA ADDED E-CIGARETTES TO THE EXISTING DEFINITION
5 OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, THEREBY INCLUDING E-CIGARETTES IN
6 CALIFORNIA'S STATE SMOKE-FREE LAWS. ADDITIONALLY, WHEN VOTERS
7 APPROVED PROP 64, THE LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS, THEY ALSO
8 VOTED TO PROHIBIT THE SMOKING OF CANNABIS IN PUBLIC AREAS.
9 THIS WAS NOT SIMPLY ABOUT CANNABIS. THIS WAS ABOUT SMOKING.
10 L.A. COUNTY SMOKE-FREE POLICIES CURRENTLY, HOWEVER, DO NOT
11 INCLUDE E-CIGARETTES OR CANNABIS. SO IT'S TIME FOR THE COUNTY
12 TO TAKE A SIMILAR ACTION, UPDATE OUR SMOKE-FREE ORDINANCES TO
13 INCLUDE E-CIGARETTES AND CANNABIS. SO THIS ORDINANCE IF WE
14 ADOPT IT WILL CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF SMOKING TO INCLUDE E-
15 CIGARETTES AND CANNABIS. ADDITIONALLY, ANTICIPATING THE
16 DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES, THE ORDINANCE ALSO DEFINES
17 SMOKING IN SUCH A WAY AS TO COVER YET-TO-BE INVENTED
18 TECHNOLOGIES THAT RESULT IN THE INHALATION OR EXPOSURE TO
19 NICOTINE, CANNABIS, OR TOBACCO SMOKE. SO CHANGES TO OUR SMOKE-
20 FREE ORDINANCE ALSO INCLUDE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN ALL COUNTY-
21 OWNED BUILDINGS AND PARKING LOTS INCLUDING 50 FEET FROM DOORS
22 AND WINDOWS AND WITHIN 25 FEET OF ANY ACCESS RAMP OR HANDICAP
23 PATH, PROHIBITING SMOKING IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY
24 MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, BUS STOPS, OUTDOOR
25 DINING, AND PUBLIC BEACHES AND PARKS. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF

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1 SMOKE-FREE POLICIES IS TO PROTECT NONSMOKERS FROM SECONDHAND
2 SMOKE. HOWEVER, SMOKE-FREE LAWS CAN ALSO MOTIVATE AND HELP
3 USERS QUIT AND PREVENT THE INITIATION OF TOBACCO USE. SO THE
4 ORDINANCE WILL STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING COUNTY SMOKE-FREE LAWS,
5 CLOSE GAPS WHERE SMOKING IS PERMITTED, AND REDUCE EXPOSURE TO
6 SECONDHAND SMOKE. I WANT TO THANK VERY, VERY STRONGLY THE
7 STAFF AT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I WANT TO THANK
8 COUNTY COUNSEL. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK ANGELICA AYALA
9 ON MY STAFF WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS ORDINANCE AND THIS
10 PRODUCT, WHICH IS BEFORE YOU TODAY, FOR SO LONG AND REALLY
11 DID, AS WE SAY, A YEOPERSON'S WORK. SO I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT
12 YOU WILL SEE THIS FAVORABLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. FERRER.

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU SO
17 MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR ALL YOUR WORK SUPPORTING THESE
18 EFFORTS TO REALLY LIMIT EXPOSURE TO WHAT IS ONLY A DANGEROUS
19 EXPOSURE. AND I ALSO WANT THE GIVE A HUGE THANKS TO ANGELICA
20 FOR JUST A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF SUPPORT AND ALSO TO THE D.P.H.
21 STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED REALLY TIRELESSLY TO MAKE SURE THAT
22 WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE.
23 I THINK THE SUPERVISOR GAVE REALLY I THINK IF HEART AND SOUL
24 OF THE INFORMATION THAT IS IMPORTANT IN CONSIDERING THIS
25 ORDINANCE CHANGE. BUT A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS THAT MIGHT BE

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1 USEFUL, ONE IS THAT THERE'S AN ESTIMATED 8,270 DEATHS EVERY
2 YEAR FROM TOBACCO-RELATED ILLNESS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND
3 THERE'S ABOUT 41,000 DEATHS TO NONSMOKERS FROM SECONDHAND
4 SMOKE EXPOSURE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY,
5 THERE'S ABOUT \$4.4 BILLION OF ANNUAL TOBACCO-RELATED
6 HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURES AND PRODUCTIVITY LOSSES. AND THAT,
7 AGAIN, IS JUST FOR OUR COUNTY. THERE'S NO SAFE LEVEL OF
8 EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE. THE SURGEON GENERAL HAS SAID
9 THAT. REPORT AFTER REPORT HAS DOCUMENTED THAT AND THAT, IN
10 FACT, IT'S CLASSIFIED AS A GROUP A CARCINOGEN. AND THAT MEANS
11 IT'S TOXIC TO HUMANS AT ANY LEVEL. CHILDREN AND INFANTS ARE
12 THE MOST VULNERABLE FOR THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF SECONDHAND
13 SMOKE. AND, YET, THEY OFTEN CAN TAKE NO ACTION ON THEIR OWN TO
14 PREVENT AN EXPOSURE. THERE'S OVER 170 STUDIES THAT FOUND THAT
15 SMOKE-FREE POLICIES DO NOT HAVE -- AND I'M GOING TO REPEAT, DO
16 NOT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BUSINESSES, INCLUDING
17 RESTAURANTS AND BARS AND ESTABLISHMENTS THAT CATER TO
18 TOURISTS. SO WE'RE THRILLED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THE
19 ABILITY FOR US TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE.
20 WE ALSO KNOW THAT ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS
21 FAVOR STRONGER TOBACCO CONTROL REGULATIONS, PARTICULARLY TO
22 PROTECT OUTDOOR EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AND AREAS CLOSE TO WHERE
23 FOOD IS BEING SERVED. SO WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT THIS. WE
24 OBVIOUSLY WILL WORK ACROSS ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE THIS
25 WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON COUNTY PROPERTY, AS WELL. I PERSONALLY

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1 HAVE CALLED MOST OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, PARTICULARLY THOSE
2 WHERE THIS I.S.D., BEACHES AND HARBORS, THE LIBRARIES. I'VE
3 WORKED -- I ACTUALLY SENT A NOTE OUT TO EVERYBODY EXPLAINING
4 WHAT WE WERE DOING. AND I WANT TO SAY 100 PERCENT OF THE
5 DEPARTMENT HEADS FAVOR EXPANDING OUR TOBACCO CONTROL MEASURES
6 TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPERTIES THAT WE OWN AND OUR EMPLOYEES
7 OCCUPY AND MANY VISITORS COME TO REDUCE EXPOSURES TO
8 SECONDHAND SMOKE. SO HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, DO WE
11 HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT YOU SHOULD CALL UP? THANK YOU,
12 DR. FERRER.

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
17 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?
18 PRIMO CASTRO, MICHAEL OLIVARES, AMANDA STAPLES, ASHLEY
19 SALAZAR, BRIAN AMBRIZ, GISELA BRIGIDO, HERMAN HERMAN, MARIA
20 TICAS, MARITZA ALVARZ, SOKHOM PHOU, STEVEN GALLEGOS, CARMEN
21 RESENDIZ, AND MARCELA ADAME. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
22 WILL ASSIST YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELCOME. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

25

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1 **MICHAEL OLIVARES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MICHAEL. AND THIS IS
2 RAFAEL HERE TO SAY HELLO.

3

4 **RAFAEL:** HELLO.

5

6 **MICHAEL OLIVARES:** I'M SHOWING HIM CIVIC PARTICIPATION. TODAY
7 HE'S OUT OF SCHOOL. WE'RE RESIDENTS OF ALTADENA. I'M ALSO
8 HONORED TO SERVE IN THE AIR FORCE NATIONAL GUARD. BUT I'M HERE
9 TO OFFER SUPPORT FOR THIS ORDINANCE ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN
10 LUNG ASSOCIATION OF WHICH I'M THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY
11 IN L.A. COUNTY. OUR ORGANIZATION WORKS FOR A WORLD FREE OF
12 LUNG DISEASE. WE THUS SUPPORT THESE POLICIES AND PROTECTIONS
13 FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS IS NOT ONLY ABOUT DANGEROUS
14 EXPOSURE, AS WAS STATED, THAT'S CRITICAL, BUT KIDS ARE
15 AFFECTED SO MUCH BY WHAT THEY SEE AS THEY INHERENTLY TAKE CUES
16 TO MODEL BEHAVIOR. AS A FATHER, I WANT TO BRING THIS POINT
17 HOME. WE ALL KNOW THE EXPLOSION IN YOUTH USE IN VAPING. WE
18 EVEN FOUND FIFTH, SIXTH GRADERS USING IT IN SCHOOL. THE
19 MARKETING TACTICS OF USING FLAVORS, YOUNG ATTRACTIVE MODELS,
20 CELEBRITIES AND INFLUENCERS IS THE SAME 50 YEARS AGO AS TODAY
21 AND HOPEFULLY NOT IN 50 YEARS FROM NOW. BUT AS WE HAVE SEEN,
22 JUULS HAS TAKEN 70 PERCENT OF THE VAPE MARKET ALTRIA HAS NOW
23 RECENTLY BOUGHT A 35 PERCENT SHARE IN THEM. SO TO ME, NICOTINE
24 ADDICTION IS NICOTINE ADDICTION. TO ME, IT'S ABOUT MONEY. AND
25 IT SUSPICIOUSLY LOOKS LIKE TOBACCO INDUSTRY'S LONG GAME

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1 DIVERSIFICATION STRATEGY TO LET VAPING NORMALIZE AND THEN
2 ALLOW REGULATION TO KNOCK OUT THEIR COMPETITION. I WANT TO
3 THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEADFAST, FORTHRIGHTNESS, AND FORTITUDE.
4 IT'S GREAT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AMERICAN LUNG
5 ASSOCIATION, I, AND OUR YOUNG FAMILY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
6 SHARING OUR CONCERN FOR OUR HEALTH AND OUR WELL-BEING. THANK
7 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **ASHLEY SALAZAR:** HELLO, MY NAME'S ASHLEY. AND I'M A HEALTH
12 EDUCATOR AT BREATHE L.A. AND WE'RE AN ORGANIZATION THAT
13 FOCUSES ON CLEAN AIR AND HEALTHY LUNGS THROUGH RESEARCH,
14 EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND ADVOCACY. WE HAVE TWO CURRENT
15 PROGRAMS THAT FOCUS ON TOBACCO NICOTINE ADDICTION. OUR FIRST
16 PROGRAM FOCUSES TO INSPIRE A SMOKE-FREE GENERATION THROUGH
17 AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND IT COVERS HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL
18 CONSEQUENCES OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE. OUR NEWEST PROGRAM IS
19 OUR VAPING TREND CLEARING THE AIR PRESENTATION, WHICH WE
20 PROVIDE AN ANTI-VAPING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS,
21 TEACHERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. WE
22 HAVE PRESENTED TO OVER 30 SCHOOLS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
23 ARE LOOKING TO DO A LOT MORE THIS YEAR. WE KNOW THAT THERE IS
24 A GREAT RISK WHEN IT COMES TO YOUTH VAPING. AND THERE IS A
25 GREAT NEED FOR CONTINUED EDUCATION. VAPING IS A YOUTH EPIDEMIC

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1 IN THE UNITED STATES. AND E-CIGARETTES ARE ELECTRONIC DEVICES
2 THAT HEAT LIQUID AND PRODUCE AEROSOLS AND OTHER SMALL
3 PARTICLES. AND WE DO NOT HAVE ANY LONG-TERM DATA THAT SHOWS
4 THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF THESE PRODUCTS AS OF YET. BUT WE DO KNOW
5 THAT IT HAS A SERIOUS RISK FOR NICOTINE ADDICTION. BREATHE
6 L.A. WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SUPPORT FOR THE AGENDA ITEMS 25 AND
7 60. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **PRIMO CASTRO:** GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM CHAIR, PRIMO CASTRO WITH
12 THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CANCER ACTION NETWORK. IT IS WITH
13 GREAT PLEASURE THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CANCER ACTION
14 NETWORK IS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE. AS YOU CAN
15 IMAGINE, SOME OF OUR OWN COUNTY POLICIES NEED A REFRESHER. AND
16 WE ARE THRILLED THAT THIS BOARD ACKNOWLEDGES THE DANGERS
17 ASSOCIATED WITH TOBACCO PRODUCTS. THE RESULTS OF LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY WOULD DEFINITELY REAP THE BENEFITS OF THIS POLICY. IN
19 ADDITION, AS A BOARD, YOU ARE ALSO PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF
20 ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AFTER ALL, IT IS NO SECRET THE STATE OF
21 CALIFORNIA SPENDS OVER 5 BILLION IN TOBACCO-RELATED HEALTHCARE
22 COSTS. BY PROHIBITING SMOKING OF ANY SUBSTANCE NEAR OR AT
23 PUBLIC HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, YOU ARE SENDING A STRONG MESSAGE
24 AND UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS. WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT CANCER IS
25 NOT A FRIEND TO ANYONE. IT IS A TERRIBLE ILLNESS THAT AFFECTS

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1 THOUSANDS OF CALIFORNIANS EVERY YEAR. LASTLY, I WANT TO THANK
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS
3 ORDINANCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF
4 ALL RESIDENTS OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS. AND ALSO, AS A CONSTITUENT
5 OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS SOMETHING
6 THAT IS VERY DEAR TO OUR HEART AND MAIN REASON WHY IT'S A MAIN
7 CAUSE OF A LOT OF LITTER IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. SO
8 PLEASE, STRONG SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **AMANDA STAPLES:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. AMANDA STAPLES WITH THE
13 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE SMOKE FREE AIR
14 ORDINANCE. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND DR. FERRER FOR
15 THEIR COMMENTS. THEY HIT IT RIGHT ON THE HEAD RIGHT THERE. AND
16 THEN JUST SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
17 HEALTH, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THE HEALTH DEPUTIES FOR THEIR BOLD
18 LEADERSHIP IN CREATING A MORE SMOKE FREE L.A. COUNTY. THE
19 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION IS COMMITTED TO THE ULTIMATE END
20 GAME TO END ALL TOBACCO AND NICOTINE ADDICTION IN THE U.S.,
21 BUT ESPECIALLY IN THE ADDRESSING THE KEY WAY BIG TOBACCO IS
22 LOOKING TO ADDICT A NEW GENERATION OF YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS.
23 IN 2018, MORE THAN 25 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND
24 ABOUT 7 PERCENT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS REPORTED USING SOME
25 TYPE OF TOBACCO PRODUCT IN THE PAST 30 DAYS. AND 1 IN 5 HIGH

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1 SCHOOL AGED KIDS HAVE USED E-CIGARETTES, SO AN INCREASE OF 78
2 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT NEW
3 PRODUCTS. WE'RE LOOKING AT NEW FLAVORS THAT ARE ATTRACTING AND
4 ADDICTING YOUNG SMOKERS. AND SO WE ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN
5 LEGISLATION AT ALL LEVELS. AND WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF PROVEN
6 STRATEGIES LIKE SMOKE FREE AIR ORDINANCES AND CLEAN INDOOR AIR
7 LAWS. SO I THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN
8 SPEARHEADING THESE NEW PROVISIONS. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
9 SUPPORTING FUTURE EFFORTS FOR PROMOTING A SMOKE FREE L.A.
10 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **BRIAN AMBRIZ:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND MADAM
15 CHAIR. IN PARTICULAR THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SOLIS
16 FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO UPDATE THE EXISTING SMOKE-FREE
17 OUTDOOR AREA ORDINANCE. MY NAME IS BRIAN AMBRIZ. I'M THE
18 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH CALIFORNIA HISPANIC COMMISSION ON
19 ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE. I'M A MEMBER OF THE SPA 7 COALITION
20 SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE AND SPA 2 COALITION RETHINKING
21 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA. I'D LIKE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
22 ORDINANCE SUCH AS ASSURING THAT THERE IS NO LOOPHOLES WITH THE
23 EXISTING ORDINANCE, THAT THE RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY, AND
24 CHILDREN ARE ENJOYING MARIJUANA SMOKE FREE PARKS AND ASSURING
25 CANNABIS IS INCLUDED IN ALL THE LANGUAGE WHEN REFERENCING

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1 SMOKE AND SMOKING. IN ADDITION, UNDER SECTION 17.04.645, AS
2 WRITTEN IN SUBSECTION 17.04.050, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU
3 REMOVE THE DISCRETIONARY PRIVILEGE OF THE PARKS DIRECTOR TO
4 CONSIDER THE OPTION OF DESIGNATING AN AREA WHERE SMOKING MAY
5 BE PERMITTED, ESPECIALLY IN PUBLIC PARKS. WE HOPE YOU CONSIDER
6 OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **MARITZA ALVARZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, AND HONORABLE
11 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARITZA ALVARZ. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
12 KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR PROPOSING TO AMEND THE SECONDHAND SMOKE
13 ORDINANCE. I WORK AS A COMMUNITY AND YOUTH ADVOCATE, AS WELL,
14 FOR L.A. COUNTY AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE COMMUNITY OF EAST
15 L.A. AND THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO. I'M ALSO CURRENTLY WORKING
16 WITH THE COMMUNITY NETWORK ADVOCATES, THE RETHINKING ACCESS TO
17 MARIJUANA NETWORK, AND THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SPA
18 7. I COMMEND YOUR EFFORTS TRULY, TRULY, FOR RE-VISITING THE
19 LANGUAGE IN THE SECONDHAND SMOKE ORDINANCE. EVERYBODY HERE
20 MOST CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDS THE EPIDEMIC THAT EXISTS WHEN IT
21 COMES TO VAPING IN PARTICULAR AMONG THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
22 THROUGHOUT THE NATION AND L.A. COUNTY. SO THANK YOU FOR
23 SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING THE PROHIBITION OF SMOKING CANNABIS OR
24 USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE DEVICES ESPECIALLY IN PUBLIC
25 SPACES SUCH AS THE PARKS TO REDUCE MARIJUANA SECONDHAND SMOKE

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1 EXPOSURE TO THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THAT WERE
2 MENTIONED EARLIER. SO WE'D LIKE TO REINFORCE THE IMPORTANCE OF
3 OF SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING NO SMOKING CANNABIS THROUGHOUT THE
4 ORDINANCE LANGUAGE TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF LOOPHOLES.
5 IN ADDITION, WITH SPRING AROUND THE CORNER AND SUMMER, SIGNAGE
6 AT ALL PUBLIC PARKS SHOULD INCLUDE NO SMOKING CANNABIS OR
7 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE USE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH AS SOON AS
8 FEASIBLY POSSIBLE. AND RE-VISITING THE ORDINANCE IS A
9 COMMENDABLE ACT. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE
10 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THAT OFTEN
11 VISIT PUBLIC PARKS AS A REFUGE FOR CLEAN AIR, SECURITY, AND AS
12 A HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ALTERNATIVE. SO WE HOPE THAT THESE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. AND AGAIN THANK YOU
14 WHOLEHEARTEDLY FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND FOR YOUR TIME.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
17 CALL UP MORE MEMBERS FROM THE PUBLIC.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ERIC PREVEN PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
20 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **SOKHOM PHOU:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE
25 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SOKHOM PHOU. AND I'M A YOUTH AND

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1 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE. I CURRENTLY SERVE AS CHAIR FOR A NETWORK
2 CALLED RETHINKING ACCESS TO MARIJUANA. AND WE AIM TO PROTECT
3 YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE
4 BOARD FOR TAKING THE NEXT STEP TO ENSURE THAT OUR YOUTH ARE
5 PROTECTED AND OUR COMMUNITIES ARE PROTECTED WITH AMENDING THIS
6 ORDINANCE. I DID HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THE CONSISTENCY OF
7 THE LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE CANNABIS SMOKING THROUGHOUT AND ALSO
8 TO BE AWARE OF ANY POTENTIAL LOOPHOLES THAT MAY ARISE. SO AS
9 YOU'RE MAKING THESE CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO ENSURE THAT
10 EVERYTHING IS THOROUGH AND CLEAR AS FAR AS THE POLICY AND
11 ENSURING THAT THERE AREN'T ANY LOOPHOLES MADE AVAILABLE TO
12 ALLOW EXPOSURE TO SMOKING MARIJUANA AND/OR ELECTRONIC SERVICE
13 DELIVERY DEVICES. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **STEVEN GALLEGOS:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. MY
18 NAME IS STEVEN GALLEGOS, A PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY ADVOCATE AND
19 23-YEAR VETERAN OF FIGHTING FOR CLEAN SMOKE-FREE AIR IN ALL 88
20 CITIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE COUNTY ITSELF, AND
21 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND THE COUNTRY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
22 THIS LEGISLATION WHICH WILL CONTINUE OUR HISTORIC EFFORTS TO
23 LIMIT OR ELIMINATE THE UNWANTED EXPOSURE TO THE CANCER-CAUSING
24 CHEMICALS PRESENT IN SECONDHAND SMOKE FROM TOBACCO AND E-
25 CIGARETTES. WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE

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1 PASSING MORE RESTRICTIONS TO LIMIT EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND
2 SMOKE, THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY IS MAKING TOBACCO SMOKING MORE
3 ADDICTIVE. EXPERTS FOUND THAT BIG TOBACCO IN THE LAST SIX
4 YEARS GENETICALLY ENGINEERED THEIR TOBACCO CROPS TO CONTAIN
5 TWO TIMES THE AMOUNT OF NICOTINE AND ADJUSTED THEIR CIGARETTE
6 DESIGN SO THAT THE NICOTINE DELIVERED TO SMOKERS INCREASED BY
7 14.5 PERCENT PER CIGARETTE. AND AMMONIA WAS ADDED SO THAT THE
8 NICOTINE TRAVELS TO THE BRAIN FASTER. AT THE SAME TIME, THE E-
9 CIGARETTE INDUSTRY IS CONCENTRATING THE NICOTINE IN EACH
10 DEVICE FOR ADDICTION. ONE PACK OF CIGARETTES CAN CONTAIN OR
11 DELIVER ABOUT 20 MILLIGRAMS OF NICOTINE. NOW IF YOU TAKE A
12 LOOK AT THE THREE LEADING E-CIGARETTE PRODUCTS, ONE JUUL POD
13 IS COMPARED TO SMOKING 41 CIGARETTES AND DELIVERING 41
14 MILLIGRAMS OF NICOTINE. THE P.H.X. POD IS EQUAL TO SMOKING 75
15 CIGARETTES AND 75 MILLIGRAMS OF NICOTINE. AND THE SORIN POD IS
16 EQUAL TO SMOKING 90 CIGARETTES AND 90 MILLIGRAMS OF NICOTINE.
17 LIMITING THE PUBLIC'S EXPOSURE TO THE SECONDHAND SMOKE HELPS
18 PEOPLE TO BE HEALTHIER AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO QUIT.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE.

22

23 **MARIA TICAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA TICAS. AND I'M
24 LIVING IN EAST L.A. I HAVE THREE KIDS. ONE IS WITH AUTISM.
25 THANK YOU, MRS. HILDA SOLIS AND MS. KUEHL FOR THE ORDINANCE,

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1 THE SECONDHAND SMOKE CIGARETTES. I WILL CUT THIS. SMOKERS IN
2 THE PARKS. TOO MANY PEOPLE IS SMOKING IN THE PARKS IN FRONT OF
3 OUR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY IN FRONT OF OUR KIDS. MY
4 RECOMMENDATION IS PUT SIGNS TELLING NO SMOKING MARIJUANA OR
5 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES. THE PEOPLE WHO BROKEN THE LAW, THEY
6 HAVE TO GET A WARNING THE FIRST TIME. THE SECOND TIME THEY
7 HAVE TO GET PENALTY. THE OTHER RECOMMENDATION CLOSE ALL
8 BUSINESS IN EAST L.A. COMMUNITY, THOSE BUSINESSES WHO ARE
9 SELLING MARIJUANA BECAUSE ALL BUSINESS AFFECTING OUR FAMILIES,
10 OUR KIDS WALKING TO SCHOOL. SOME PARENTS, THEY DON'T HAVE TIME
11 TO WALK WITH THEM, WALKING WITH THEM. AND THE KIDS ARE VICTIMS
12 THOSE BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN OUR COMMUNITY, NO PERMIT
13 ANY AREAS IN THE PARK TO SMOKING. ZERO TOLERANCE. WE HAVE TO
14 BE A ROLE COMMUNITY FOR OUR FAMILIES, OUR KIDS, AND OUR WARDS.
15 WE HAVE TO KEEP IN SAFETY OUR KIDS. AS A MOTHER, WE HAVE TO
16 TAKE CARE OF THEM AND THINKING IN THEIR FUTURE.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE.

20

21 **HERMAN HERMAN:** J-U-U-L. JUUL. HAVE YOU HEARD OF THAT VAPOR,
22 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND WESSON, JR., WHO YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF
23 TOOK CAMPAIGN MONEY FROM? YOU FORGOT? SAME THING HERMAN WESSON
24 DOES WHEN HE'S AT CITY HALL AND HE DUMPS HIS CIGARETTE BUTTS
25 OVER THE WALL AFTER SMOKING PACK AFTER PACK OF MARLBORO SILVER

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1 PACK CIGARETTES, YOU SEE. I SUFFER FROM ASTHMA. I DON'T LIKE
2 HERMAN JASON WESSON, THE TYRANT FROM CITY HALL, SMOKING
3 ANYWHERE ON THE PREMISES OF CITY HALL WITH THOSE YELLOW TEETH
4 AND HIS BAD BREATH IN MY FACE. WHY HAS HE SUPPORTED JUUL? NOT
5 JUJU THE BIRD, JUJU THE DODO BIRD IS HERMAN WESSON FROM THE
6 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WHO WANTS TO SIT IN THIS CHAMBER TO TELL
7 US WHAT IS GOOD FOR OUR HEALTH? HE'S RUNNING TO CAMPAIGN HERE
8 THE SAME WAY HE TAKES MONEY FROM CAMPAIGN DONORS TO SIT HERE.
9 WHAT ABOUT THAT, RIDLEY-THOMAS? WHILE YOU GO SIT IN COUNCIL
10 CHAMBERS IN L.A. SOUNDS LIKE FISHY [EXPLETIVE] BUSINESS. I DO
11 DON'T LIKE IT. IT'S MY HEALTH YOU'RE AFFECTING. I DON'T GIVE A
12 [EXPLETIVE] IF YOU SMOKE YOUR CIGARETTES IN A PARK.
13 [EXPLETIVE] HAVE TO SMOKE SOMEWHERE. I'M AN [EXPLETIVE], BUT I
14 DON'T SMOKE. SO BETTER THAT WE ALL SMOKE, GET HIGH ON MEASURE
15 64, AND USE THOSE STUPID VAPOR CIGARETTES THAT HAVE CHEMICALS
16 WHICH YOU RIDLEY-THOMAS AND YOU WESSON OPEN UP SHOPS HIDDEN IN
17 THE ARTS AREA AND ALL THESE OTHER DISTRICTS POISONING THE
18 COMMUNITY BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET RID OF THAT CRAP, SO WHAT DO
19 THEY DO? THEY HIDE IT.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **GISELA BRIGIDO:** BUENOS DIAS. (AWAITING TRANSLATION). GOOD
24 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MY NAME IS
25 GISELA BRIGIDO. I HAVE TWO KIDS, A SIX-YEAR-OLD AND A 12-YEAR-

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1 OLD. I LIVE IN EAST LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 15 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN
2 WORKING AS THE VOLUNTEER IN MY COMMUNITY FOR OVER FOUR YEARS.
3 I WORK WITH BEST STAR L.A. IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MISSION FOR
4 FIRST FIVE L.A. WHO FOCUSES ON EMPOWERING PARENTS OF CHILDREN
5 UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE. OUR FIGHT FOR EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND
6 EQUALITY BRINGS US HERE TO BRING FORTH A RECOMMENDATION WITH
7 REGARD TO SECONDHAND SMOKE OF MARIJUANA. AS THEY HAVE DONE
8 BEFORE, WE REQUEST MORE SIGNAGE OVER SMOKING. I WOULD I WOULD
9 LIKE FURTHER PROMOTION OF THIS MARKETING IN BUS STOPS, PUBLIC
10 TRANSPORTATION AND TO SPEAK ON THE LAWS AND THE HEALTH DAMAGES
11 THAT IT BRINGS FORTH TO CHILDREN. ALSO APPLY THE STRICTER LAWS
12 AS MENTIONED BEFORE. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO REQUEST FURTHER FUNDING
13 FOR CAMPAIGNS IN SCHOOLS, SPECIFICALLY AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS
14 AND HIGH SCHOOLS, INFORMING THE YOUTH OF THE CONSEQUENCES AND
15 DAMAGES OF SMOKING AND SECONDHAND SMOKE. CAMPAIGNS THAT FOCUS
16 ON THE EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING WITH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS
17 YOGA, SPORTS, ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES, NUTRITION, HEALTHY
18 EATING. AND FOR THIS, WE NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THEREFORE,
19 WE ARE ASKING THAT OF YOU. THERE ARE NOW MANY ORGANIZATIONS
20 FOCUSING ON THAT. HOWEVER, WE NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THANK
21 YOU FOR PROPOSING THE CHANGES TO THIS ORDINANCE. I WAS ALSO
22 LOOKING AT THE MOTION PROPOSING FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS IN
23 PLACES OF EATING, GOLF COURSES, BUS STOPS, WINDOWS, DOORS, AS
24 WELL AS HEALTH CENTERS CENTERS. HOWEVER, THERE'S NOTHING
25 INDICATING THAT THEY WANT TO PUT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE

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1 PARKS WHERE MORE CHILDREN CONGREGATE. AND THIS WORRIES ME
2 PERSONALLY BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I TAKE MY KIDS TO THE PARKS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN. AND OBVIOUSLY THIS
7 IS THE LOW HANGING FRUIT SIDE OF THIS BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT A
8 LOT OF SECONDHAND SMOKE. THERE'S A GREAT COMMERCIAL ON
9 K.C.A.L. WHERE YOU SEE THE SMOKE COMES INTO THE KID'S ROOM. SO
10 TOTALLY ON BOARD WITH LIMITING THAT. JUUL, ON THE OTHER HAND,
11 WHICH IS A FIRM THAT MERGED WITH ALTRIA, AND THE NEW YORK
12 TIMES EDITORIAL PAGE WROTE A HUGE MORE OR LESS ATTACK ABOUT
13 GETTING YOUNG PEOPLE ADDICTED. I BELIEVE THAT ORDINANCE IS
14 COMING BACK IN A MONTH. HOPEFULLY, THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL SEE
15 MORE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THIS IS THE GOOD PEOPLE WHO
16 DON'T WANT TO BE TOXIFIED. I DO THINK WE HAVE TO WATCH MR.
17 WESSON. I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN YOU ENDORSED HIM BOLDLY, WHICH
18 IS PUZZLING, BUT THIS IS A MAN WHO DID TAKE \$1500 ON DECEMBER
19 29TH, 2018 FROM JUUL. NOT JUST THAT, WHEN HE JUMPED OUT OF HIS
20 OFFICE, HIS CHIEF COMMUNICATION LEADER, VANESSA RODRIGUEZ,
21 WENT TO WORK FOR JUUL. SO THIS IS KIND OF A CITY PLAY. THEY
22 GO. AND NOW WE'RE WORRIED THAT HE'S GOING TO GET ELECTED AND
23 TRY TO WORK FOR THEM. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE OTHER ITEMS, OTHER
2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** NO, WE DON'T, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE NOW HAVE ITEMS 25 AND 60 ARE BEFORE
7 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO
8 APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS
9 VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW WE HAVE ITEM 56-B, THE
10 CRITERIA FOR SUPPORTING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT
11 PROGRAMS. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WOULD YOU
12 LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS? I KNOW, RIGHT?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES
15 AND SPECIFICALLY MY COAUTHOR HERE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR
16 CONSIDERATION OF THIS MOTION WHICH SEEKS TO REFRESH THE
17 COUNTY'S OFFICIAL POSITION AS IT RELATES TO REDEVELOPMENT
18 LEGISLATION. GOOD NEWS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THE GOVERNOR OF
19 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN THIS
20 ISSUE. AND I'M SO GLAD THAT SUCH IS THE CASE. NUMEROUS BILLS
21 HAVE BEEN ALREADY INTRODUCED INDICATING THAT IT IS TOP OF MIND
22 FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. IT HAS BEEN FOR A WHILE. IT
23 JUST COULDN'T GET ANY TRACTION PRIOR TO THIS POINT UNDER THE
24 PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. SOMEONE SAID IF YOU LIVE LONG ENOUGH,
25 THINGS CAN AND WILL HAPPEN. IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT'S CRITICAL

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1 THE COUNTY HAS A SEAT AT THE TABLE TO ENSURE THAT
2 REDEVELOPMENT 2.0 IS DONE CORRECTLY. I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY
3 THAT ELIMINATION OF REDEVELOPMENT IN 2012 HAD MIXED RESULTS.
4 IT HELPED BALANCE THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOME ENTITIES ON THE
5 OTHER HAND, AND IT CREATED HUGE PROBLEMS ON THE OTHER. LET ME
6 SAY A WORD ABOUT THE PROBLEMS. IT CAME AT A COST OF
7 APPROXIMATELY A BILLION DOLLARS THAT WAS NO LONGER AVAILABLE
8 ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO DEAL WITH PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE
9 HOUSING, DEALING WITH ISSUES OF IMPROVEMENTS IN COMMUNITIES
10 THAT STOOD IN DESPERATE NEED OF SUCH. ALL OF THAT WAS TAKEN
11 OFF THE TABLE. AND IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE SLIDES THAT WE
12 HAVE POSTED UP, THERE'S ALSO A STRONG SUGGESTED CORRELATION
13 BETWEEN THE DISSOLUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT AND THE RISE OF NOT
14 ONLY THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BECAUSE MOST OF US WHO
15 KNOW REDEVELOPMENT LAW KNOW THAT IT'S 20 PERCENT SET ASIDE,
16 BUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH THERE'S A LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
17 CORRELATES PRETTY STRONGLY WITH THE ISSUE OF THE RISE IN
18 HOMELESSNESS. AND FORTUNATELY, WE HAVE ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP
19 IN THE STATE ADMINISTRATION NOW THAT WANTS TO DEAL WITH BOTH
20 HOMELESSNESS AND THESE ISSUES OF BLIGHT IN COMMUNITIES THAT
21 STAND IN NEED. SO THE END OF REDEVELOPMENT ESSENTIALLY
22 SIGNIFIED THE LOSS OF THE ONLY COMPREHENSIVE TOOL AVAILABLE TO
23 ADDRESS BLIGHT. AND IT WAS THE MOST POTENT TOOL TO REINVEST IN
24 WHAT'S TRADITIONALLY DESCRIBED AS LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES. NOW,
25 I THINK IT SHOULDN'T BE LOOKED AT NARROWLY, THE EXTENT TO

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1 WHICH ANY COMMUNITY IS NEGATIVELY IMPACTED, SUFFERS, GETS
2 WORSE. IT ARGUABLY IS AN IMPACT ON OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT MAY
3 SURROUND IT THAT ARE DOING, LET'S JUST SAY OKAY. THERE ARE
4 NOTEWORTHY CATALYTIC EXAMPLES OF THE EFFICACY OF REDEVELOPMENT
5 THAT TOUCHED ALL COUNTIES. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I'LL
6 GIVE YOU JUST A FEW EXAMPLES. STAPLES CENTER'S L.A. LIVE, YOU
7 CAN'T CAUSE ME TO BELIEVE ON ANY SINGLE DAY THAT THAT DIDN'T
8 RESPAK WHAT'S HAPPENED IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES IN TERMS OF
9 CULTURE, IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOBS, ETC., ETC.
10 M.O.C.A., THE GRAMMY MUSEUM, AND THE BROAD MUSEUM, ALL
11 EXAMPLES OF THAT. LOS ANGELES CLEANTECH INCUBATOR, ADOBE
12 THEATER IN HOLLYWOOD, NOHO COMMONS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD
13 EXAMPLES. AND EVEN SINCE ITS DISSOLUTION, THE COUNTY HAS HAD
14 TO STEP IN AND USING ITS GENERAL FUNDS TO ATTEMPT TO RECREATE
15 THE PROGRAMS THAT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES PREVIOUSLY
16 SPEARHEADED INCLUDING TO RENOVATE FACADE IMPROVEMENTS AND
17 CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS BEING DONE COUNTY-WIDE IN
18 PACOIMA, IN ATHENS, AND ON WALNUT STREET. THOSE ARE JUST SOME
19 EXAMPLES. SO THE C.D.C. IS EFFECTIVELY THE COUNTY'S
20 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A TOOL THAT WAS TAKEN OUT OF OUR
21 TOOLBOX. THE CREATIVE REDEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY PROPERTY SUCH AS
22 THAT'S CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN WEST ALTADENA, EAST LOS ANGELES,
23 SAN PEDRO, AND AT VERMONT AND MANCHESTER, THAT'S OUR STUFF.
24 AND WE NEED TO DO THAT BECAUSE IT HELPS THE QUALITY OF LIFE
25 FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. AND EVEN THE MICROLOAN PROGRAM THAT THE

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1 BOARD APPROVED TODAY SEEKS TO FILL A GAP CREATED WITH THE
2 ABSENCE OF REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS. IT DID THAT, AS WELL. THAT'S
3 NOT TO SAY THAT REDEVELOPMENT DOES HAVE ITS SHARE OF CRITICS.
4 IT OBVIOUSLY DOES. SO THE CHALLENGE IS NOW HOW TO REINVENT THE
5 TOOL WHILE AVOIDING THE PROBLEMS THAT IT MAY HAVE HAD IN THE
6 PAST. SO THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY HIGHLIGHTS THE SPECIFIC
7 CRITERION THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REDEVELOPMENT
8 PROGRAMS. FIRST, IT REQUIRES BUY-IN BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.
9 SECONDLY, IT CALLS FOR A MORE ROBUST COMMITMENT TO THE
10 PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THAT IS UP TO 30 PERCENT
11 FROM THE PREVIOUS 20 PERCENT REQUIREMENT. AND WHY DID WE DO
12 THAT? BECAUSE THE NEED IS GREATER. WE LOST A LOT OF TIME AND A
13 LOT OF PRODUCTIVITY. AND WE CAN DO MUCH BETTER. AND WE HAVE TO
14 ROLL FASTER. NOW LET ME JUST MAKE THIS POINT IF I MAY, MADAM
15 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. WITH THE ANTICIPATION OF A DOWNTURN IN
16 THE ECONOMY WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE TOOLS AND NOT LESS TO
17 DEAL WITH THE CREATION OF MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I DO NOT
18 THINK THE MARKET WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE
19 INCENTIVES. AND IT GIVES THE PUBLIC SECTOR, THIS BOARD
20 INCLUDED, SKIN IN THE GAME TO MAKE SURE PROJECTS HAPPEN AS
21 BEST AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS AS CLOSE AS WE'VE EVER GOTTEN TO
22 INCLUSIONARY ZONING WITH RESPECT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.
23 AND I THINK IT'S NOTEWORTHY. IN ADDITION, IT REQUIRES THAT NEW
24 PROGRAMS FOCUS ON COMMUNITIES MOST IN NEED, INCLUDING EMERGING
25 TRANSIT-ORIENTED DISTRICTS. BUT IF WE DON'T MEANINGFULLY

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1 ENGAGE, WE CAN'T EXPECT OUR OBJECTIVES TO BE TAKEN AS
2 SERIOUSLY AS WE MIGHT HOPE. SO A.B.11 IN ITS CURRENT VERSION
3 DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE AS PALATABLE OR AS EFFECTIVE AS WE WISH
4 FOR IT TO BE. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A SEAT AT
5 THE TABLE SO WE CAN CARVE OUR PATH THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH OUR
6 STATED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. IT'S A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE WAY TO
7 ENGAGE. AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY APPEAL TO THE BOARD IN ITS
8 ENTIRETY TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. REGRETTABLY COLLEAGUES, I
13 CANNOT SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THE REASON IS OF COURSE I THINK
14 THAT IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IF ANY REDEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION
15 PASSES IN SACRAMENTO THAT IT INCLUDE THE FOUR ITEMS THAT ARE
16 LISTED IN THE MOTION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NOTHING IN THE MOTION
17 THAT INDICATES THAT IF THESE ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED, THAT THE
18 COUNTY IS NOT IN FAVOR. ESSENTIALLY WE WOULD BE SILENT, WHICH
19 WOULD INDICATE, SINCE MANY, MANY CITIES ARE GOING TO BE VERY
20 ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GETTING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS BACK, IT WOULD
21 INDICATE THAT OUR COUNTY, UNLIKE SEVERAL OTHER COUNTIES,
22 DOESN'T REALLY CARE WHAT IS REALLY IN IT, ONLY THAT WE WOULD
23 AFFIRMATIVELY SUPPORT IF THESE FOUR ITEMS ARE INCLUDED. YOU
24 PROBABLY KNOW THE BOARD HAS AT THE MOMENT AN APPROVED POLICY
25 TO OPPOSE PROPOSALS THAT ELIMINATE THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY OVER

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1 THE USE OF TAX INCREMENT OR ITS ABILITY TO DETERMINE ITS OWN
2 ROLE IN THE FORMATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN INFRASTRUCTURE
3 FINANCING DISTRICTS, REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, J.P.A.S, OR OTHER
4 SIMILAR ENTITIES. SO IN ESSENCE THIS WOULD SAY IN THIS MATTER
5 WE WOULD OVERTURN THE POLICY TO OPPOSE THESE PROPOSALS AND NOT
6 OPPOSE IT BUT SIMPLY SAY WE WILL SUPPORT IF IT INCLUDES THESE
7 THINGS. KNOWING WHAT MANY OF US DO ABOUT THE PROCESS IN
8 SACRAMENTO, AS IT GOES ALONG, IT COULD BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO
9 BE -- TO TALK PEOPLE INTO INCLUDING THIS. AND THEN IT GETS IN
10 THE OTHER HOUSE WITH OUR SUPPORT AND LOSES SOME OF THESE AREAS
11 WHERE WE WOULD NEED, THEN, TO WITHDRAW OUR SUPPORT. I THINK IT
12 WOULD PROBABLY BE IN OUR BETTER INTEREST, AND I MAY BE ALONE
13 IN THIS, TO OPPOSE UNLESS THE BILL INCLUDES THESE FOUR THINGS.
14 THAT WOULD KEEP US SORT OF CONSISTENT WITH THE STANCE THAT WE
15 HAVE TAKEN IN THE PAST. ALSO, WE HAVE DONE QUITE A BIT ABOUT
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY AND I THINK HAVE BEEN VERY
17 RESPONSIBLE IN ALL OF THESE AREAS, WHICH SEVERAL OF THE
18 CITIES, AS WE RECALL, WERE NOT. THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT
19 IN A LOSS OF REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY, LOSS IN TAX REVENUE FOR
20 THE COUNTY, WHICH COULD BE OKAY IF ALL THE CITIES DO THE RIGHT
21 THING. THE PROBLEM WITH THE FORMER PROGRAM, REALLY, IS THAT
22 ALL THE CITIES DID NOT DO THE RIGHT THING. SO I DO LIKE THE
23 FOUR ELEMENTS. I DO AGREE THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD PUSH FOR
24 THEM. BUT I THINK THAT BEING SILENT IN OPPOSITION IF IT DOES

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1 NOT INCLUDE THESE FOUR ELEMENTS IS A MISTAKE, AND THEREFORE, I
2 WOULD WANT TO ABSTAIN FROM THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR WORKING WITH MY STAFF ON THESE ITEMS BECAUSE
8 I, TOO, WHEN I FIRST SAW THE LEGISLATION AND WAS HEARING FROM
9 CONSTITUENTS, THERE WAS A GREAT CONCERN THAT THIS WAS JUST A
10 VESSEL, A BILL THAT REALLY DIDN'T NARROW DOWN WHERE THE HIGH
11 NEEDS ARE. AND THE HIGH NEEDS ARE THERE. JUST YESTERDAY, I WAS
12 AT A SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COG MEETING ON HOMELESSNESS. AND THE
13 UNDERLYING QUESTION THERE FOR ALL OF THE CITIES WHO ARE
14 CURRENTLY UPSET BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GETTING FUNDING ONE WAY OR
15 ANOTHER ARE ALSO FACED WITH HAVING TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE
16 BEING OUT-PRICED OUT OF THE MARKET BECAUSE THERE'S NO
17 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND THEY ALSO HAVE OFTEN SHARED WITH ME ON
18 DIFFERENT OCCASIONS ABOUT THE NEED TO RECREATE THE
19 REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, THE C.R.A. PROGRAMS. AND I KNOW VERY
20 WELL SOME OF THOSE PROBLEMS THAT EXISTED YEARS AGO. AND SOME
21 OF THOSE CITIES HAVE BEGUN AND HAVE TRIED TO MAKE STRIDES.
22 NONETHELESS, THE DIRECTION OF WHAT HAPPENED IN SACRAMENTO LED
23 US TO THIS PLACE THAT WE'RE AT NOW, WHERE UNFORTUNATELY WE
24 DON'T HAVE THE SOURCE OF REVENUE TO HELP US BUILD OUT
25 ADDITIONAL HOUSING THAT'S NECESSARY. IN FACT, STUDIES SHOW

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1 THAT LAST YEAR THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP REPORTED
2 L.A. COUNTY NEEDS TO ADD MORE THAN 568,000 AFFORDABLE HOMES.
3 WE'VE HEARD THAT REPEATEDLY. BUT WE REALLY HAVE TO MAKE IT
4 AFFORDABLE. AND THAT TO ME IS DIFFERENT FROM JUST BUILDING OUT
5 HOUSING ANYWHERE FOR ANY PURPOSE. IT'S REALLY ABOUT MAKING
6 SURE THAT PEOPLE DO HAVE A FUTURE IF WE WANT TO KEEP OUR
7 ECONOMIC ENGINE MOVING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND WHILE PEOPLE
8 SAY THEY ARE LEAVING CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
9 THEY'RE NOT. WHAT HAPPENS IN FAMILIES LIKE IN MY DISTRICT, YOU
10 HAVE TWO OR THREE FAMILIES LIVING IN A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT
11 WITH NO HOPE OF GETTING ON A SECTION 8 LIST BECAUSE IT DOESN'T
12 EXIST. YOU HAVE TO WAIT SEVEN OR MORE YEARS. AND WE HAVE A
13 NEED. AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN VERY
14 VIGOROUS. AND KUDOS TO YOU FOR HAVING MUCH OF THESE NEWER
15 DEVELOPMENTS IN SECTIONS OF YOUR COMMUNITY THAT REALLY NEED
16 IT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I, TOO, SEE THE GREAT NEED. AND I KNOW
17 IN THE LAST YEAR, WE DEVELOPED ABOUT 500 UNITS. AND THIS
18 WOULD, I MEAN THIS IS WITH US PIECING THINGS TOGETHER WHATEVER
19 SMALLER TAX CREDITS AND THINGS IN OUR C.D.C. STAFF, EVERYONE
20 PULLING TOGETHER. BUT WE NEED MORE HELP. AND I KNOW THAT WE
21 CAN ALWAYS ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AUTHOR. I THINK
22 HE'S A GOOD AUTHOR. I THINK HE'S SENSIBLE. I ALSO THINK
23 THERE'S A LOT OF INTEREST ON THIS ISSUE AROUND OTHER PARTS OF
24 THE STATE. AND I DO BELIEVE THE GOVERNOR IS ALSO OPEN TO WHAT
25 WE'RE OUTLINING HERE. AND CERTAINLY IF THESE THINGS GET TAKEN

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1 OUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, I'M SURE WE'RE ACCUSTOMED HERE.
2 WE'RE LEGISLATORS. YOU CAN ALWAYS WITHDRAW OUR SUPPORT. AND WE
3 CAN ALSO WEIGH IN IN A BETTER WAY BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE AT THE
4 TABLE ON THE FRONT END. SO RATHER THAN WAIT, I'D RATHER HAVE
5 US WEIGH IN NOW ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE DO HAVE METRO, WHICH IS
6 ANOTHER BIG PART OF OUR ROLE, TO BUILD OUT TRANSIT HOUSING
7 THAT IS ALSO AFFORDABLE. AND WE HAVE SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS IN
8 THE WORK RIGHT NOW. AND WE KNOW THAT I THINK THE CARROT HERE
9 IS TO INCENTIVIZE OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. BUT CHECKS AND
10 BALANCES, CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND I THINK THAT'S THE
11 DIFFERENCE WITH COMING BACK TO THIS PROGRAM THAT EXISTED YEARS
12 AGO. SO I'M OPEN. I'M OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A NEW
13 GOVERNOR, AND WE HAVE SOME VERY FORCEFUL LEGISLATORS WHO
14 REPRESENT L.A. COUNTY. AND I THINK, BY AND LARGE, THE
15 CONSENSUS WOULD BE THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO SEE THESE
16 SAFEGUARDS. AND I WOULD ASK OUR LEGISLATIVE STAFF UP THERE
17 THAT REPRESENT US TO ALSO START WORKING AGGRESSIVELY ON THIS
18 TO MAKE VERY CLEAR IF THIS GOES FORWARD WHERE WE'RE AT. SO I
19 KNOW WHEN I FIRST READ THE BILL, LIKE I SAID, I WASN'T VERY
20 ENTHUSED, BUT AFTER THINKING OVER WITH MY STAFF AND OTHER
21 PEOPLE, THAT THERE REALLY IS A NEED FOR US TO WEIGH IN. AND
22 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR OUR DISTRICTS THAT WE CONTINUE TO GROW OUT.
23 THE COUNTY CAN ONLY SHOULDER SO MUCH. AND I THINK SOMETIMES
24 THE EXPECTATION IS VERY HIGH FROM PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT WE CAN
25 RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. BUT ECONOMICALLY, IT'S NOT. AND THEN

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1 WHEN WE HAVE TO DIVIDE BY 5 AS IT IS, THAT'S ALSO A TEMPTATION
2 BECAUSE SOMETIMES THE NEEDS ARE VERY DIFFERENT. SO I JUST WANT
3 TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HIS STAFF WORKING WITH
4 MY STAFF, GUADALUPE AND OTHERS ON MY STAFF, ON THIS ITEM. I
5 HOPE WE CAN MOVE AHEAD. I'M OPTIMISTIC. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I'M JUST TRYING TO
10 UNDERSTAND IF THIS WAS AMENDED TO SAY OPPOSE IF NOT AMENDED
11 AND INCLUDING ALL FOUR OF THOSE, NOT ONE OF FOUR OR TWO OF
12 FOUR, WOULD YOU SUPPORT MOVING THIS FORWARD? IS THAT A YES?

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT'S YES. BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE AUTHORS HAVE A
15 DIFFERENT STRATEGY IN MIND IN TERMS OF NEGOTIATION. SO WHEN I
16 INQUIRED, I WAS TOLD, THROUGH STAFF, I DIDN'T REALLY TALK TO
17 THEM DIRECTLY, BUT THROUGH STAFF, THAT THEY PREFER THIS
18 APPROACH. BUT, YES, I THINK OPPOSE UNLESS IT'S AMENDED TO
19 INCLUDE THESE ELEMENTS. AND I WOULDN'T -- I MEAN THE
20 DIFFICULTY IS WHAT IF WE GOT TWO OUT OF FOUR.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S WHY I WAS SEEKING CLARIFICATION.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT WOULD BE HARD. WE MAY NOT ALL AGREE ON THAT.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** SACHI, HOW DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE ENHANCED
2 INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE DISTRICTS? BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT WAS
3 PUT INTO PLAY WHEN REDEVELOPMENT WENT AWAY. I KNOW I MET WITH
4 CONTRACT CITIES LAST WEEK, AND I KNOW YOU DID, SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS. AND I'M GOING TO BE BRINGING IN A MOTION NEXT WEEK TO
6 SEEK CLARIFICATION ON LANGUAGE BECAUSE TO DATE ONLY LAVERNE
7 HAS ENTERED INTO ONE BECAUSE THE LANGUAGE CONTRADICTS, IF YOU
8 WILL. AND SO I'M WONDERING HOW THAT DIFFERS FROM WHAT WE'RE
9 TRYING TO DO WITH REDEVELOPMENT.

10

11 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, DOUG BARON, WHO IS OVER OUR
12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, CAN MORE THOROUGHLY ANSWER
13 THOSE QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY.

16

17 **DOUG BARON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, DOUG BARON WITH THE
18 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. A.B.11 IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IS
19 CURRENTLY LEGISLATED FOR E.I.F.D.S, OR ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE
20 -- ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS. IT'S A
21 STRONGER FORM OF REDEVELOPMENT. AND THAT IS IT REQUIRES
22 PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN TERMS OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF TAX
23 INCREMENT, ALTHOUGH UP TO A CAP. IT ALSO ALLOWS FOR EMINENT
24 DOMAIN, WHICH E.I.F.D.S DO NOT. AND THEN, THIRD, IT
25 ESTABLISHES A FLOOR REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS THAT NEED TO

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1 GO TOWARDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THERE'S A MINIMUM OF 30 PERCENT
2 OF TAX INCREMENT, WHEREAS E.I.F.D.S HAVE NO SUCH CRITERION.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AND HAVE WE DONE AN ESTIMATE IN TERMS OF -- I
5 KNOW BEFORE REDEVELOPMENT WENT AWAY, THERE WAS A COST ESTIMATE
6 OF WHAT IT WAS COSTING THE COUNTIES BECAUSE WE ENTERED INTO
7 LITIGATION WITH SOME CITIES WHO DESCRIBED BLIGHT. AND A COUPLE
8 OF THEM WERE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. AND WE WENT TO COURT
9 AGAINST THEM. SO DO WE KNOW HOW MUCH THIS POTENTIALLY COULD
10 COST THE COUNTY?

11

12 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** YOU KNOW, OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, I JUST DON'T
13 RECALL THAT NUMBER. BUT WE COULD GET THAT TO YOU AND REPORT
14 BACK.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** IS EMINENT DOMAIN, YOU CAN DO THAT UNDER THE
17 E.F.I.D. RIGHT NOW. I MEAN, THERE'S AN AVENUE TO TAKE AS IT
18 RELATES TO EMINENT DOMAIN.

19

20 **DOUG BARON:** THERE'S A SORT OF SIMILAR PIECE OF LEGISLATION
21 AUTHORIZING WHAT ARE CALLED C.R.E.A. AND I FORGET EXACTLY WHAT
22 THE ACRONYM STANDS FOR. BUT IF YOU FORM A C.R.E.A., YES, YOU
23 CAN ENACT EMINENT DOMAIN. BUT E.I.F.D.S, NO, THEY DO NOT HAVE
24 THAT ABILITY. C.R.E.A.S DO. E.I.F.D.S DO NOT. BOTH WERE
25 LEGISLATED AT THE SAME TIME A FEW YEARS AGO.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** SO WE HAVE NOT QUANTIFIED, IF THIS LEGISLATION
3 WERE TO PASS WITH AND WITHOUT I GUESS WITHOUT THE AMENDMENTS,
4 WHAT THE COST TO THE COUNTIES MIGHT BE OR THIS COUNTY AS IT
5 RELATES TO. I'M ASSUMING IT IS GOING TO TAKE OFF THE TAX ROLLS
6 AGAIN?

7

8 **DOUG BARON:** I THINK WHAT'S CRITICAL IS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS
9 THAT'S REFERENCED IN THE MOTION, WHICH IS THAT IT REQUIRES
10 VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, MEANING THE
11 COUNTY SPECIFICALLY. AND IF THE COUNTY CAN EITHER OPT IN OR
12 OPT OUT, THEN THAT IS OUR ABILITY TO NOT SACRIFICE TAX
13 INCREMENT WHERE WE DON'T SEE IT AS BEING VIABLE.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** SO HOW DO YOU, COUNTY COUNSEL, HOW DO AN OPT
16 IN/OPT OUT ON DIFFERENT PROJECTS WITHOUT MAKING IT LOOK LIKE
17 YOU ARE FAVORING ONE OR THE OTHER? IS IT ALL OR NOTHING? IS IT
18 OPTING IN? OR IS IT EACH PROJECT?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** IN E.I.F.D.S, IT'S EACH DISTRICT ITSELF. IN A.B.11,
21 NO, THERE IS NO ABILITY TO OPT IN OR OPT OUT. IF THE STATE
22 APPROVES THE FORMATION OF AN AGENCY OR DISTRICT, THEN YOU'RE
23 REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE. WHETHER YOU CAN GET SOME OF THAT
24 MONEY BACK AS WHAT ARE CALLED PASS-THROUGHS, THAT'S UNCLEAR IN
25 THE LEGISLATION.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. AND DO WE KNOW WHO IS OPPOSING THIS
3 LEGISLATION? IS THERE ANY ORGANIZATIONS?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I'M NOT CERTAIN. I BELIEVE THE LEAGUE OF CITIES IS IN
6 FAVOR. BUT I'M NOT SURE, I'VE SEEN --

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AND C.S.A.C.? DO WE KNOW IF C.S.A.C. IS TAKING A
9 POSITION?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THE CRAFTING OF THE
12 LEGISLATION. I DO NOT BELIEVE THEY'VE TAKEN A POSITION YET.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK
17 YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND I APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION AND THE
18 QUESTIONS AND THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. SUFFICE IT
19 TO SAY THE FOLLOWING. OVER THE ARC OF MY CAREER DOING ECONOMIC
20 DEVELOPMENT, REDEVELOPMENT AND SO FORTH, WHICH NOW IS GETTING
21 CLOSE TO SOME 30 YEARS, I HAVE SEEN A VARIETY OF EFFORTS FROM
22 CITY COUNCIL LEVEL, FROM THE STATE LEVEL, AND NOW HERE FROM
23 T.O.D.S, TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, TO I.O.C.S, INTERIM
24 CONTROL ORDINANCES, TO EMPOWERMENT ZONES, ENTERPRISE ZONES, TO
25 NO PLACE LIKE HOME, ETC. NONE OF WHICH HAVE I FOUND TO BE AS

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1 EFFECTIVE AS THE TOOL OF REDEVELOPMENT. NONE OF WHICH CAN
2 POINT TO THE MATERIAL IMPACT IN ALTERING THE PHYSICAL
3 LANDSCAPE OF BLIGHTED AREAS. AND THIS IS FUNDAMENTALLY
4 IMPORTANT BECAUSE BLIGHTED AREAS BREED SO MANY PROBLEMS FOR
5 THOSE THAT HAVE TO CONTEND WITH THOSE AREAS AND THOSE WHO HAVE
6 TO WORK TO TRY TO OFFSET THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS THAT ARE
7 ATTACHED TO THOSE AREAS, PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH, THE
8 LIST GOES ON AND ON, PUBLIC WORKS. THIS IS A MORE
9 CONSTRUCTIVE, PREVENTIVE, COST-EFFECTIVE WAY TO DO ECONOMIC
10 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY UPLIFT. THE APPROACH BEING TAKEN
11 HERE IS TO SAY WE'RE AT THE TABLE. WE GET WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.
12 LET US HELP YOU IMPROVE IT. WE'RE NOT SAYING WE ARE OPPOSING
13 WHAT YOU ARE DOING UNLESS YOU DO OTHERWISE. NO, WE'RE SAYING
14 WE GET IT. BUT YOU HAVE TO MAKE THIS BETTER. THAT'S THE THRUST
15 OF THIS MOTION. THAT'S THE STRATEGY THAT WE WISH TO PURSUE.
16 MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE
19 THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM?

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
22 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR THAT NAME?
23 MICHAEL BANNER, BRAD COX, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN,
24 RED CHIEF HUNT, ERNEST MOORE. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
25 WILL ASSIST YOU.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME. GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD. HELLO.

3

4 **MICHAEL BANNER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MICHAEL BANNER. I'M THE
5 C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. WE'RE
6 A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ADVISORY
7 ORGANIZATION. AND WE'VE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN AND
8 DELIVERY OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND
9 SOLUTIONS THAT ARE TARGETED TOWARDS LOW AND MODERATE INCOME
10 COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THIS ORGANIZATION WAS
11 LAUNCHED BY TOM BRADLEY IN 1980 AND HAS BEEN WORKING IN THIS
12 AREA FOR QUITE A WHILE. TO DATE, OUR WORK HAS RESULTED IN
13 BRINGING MORE THAN, FOR A SMALL ORGANIZATION LIKE OURS, \$400
14 MILLION OF CAPITAL INTO THE MARKETS WE SERVE, WHICH ARE LOW
15 INCOME AND MODERATE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. TODAY I VOICE MY
16 SUPPORT FOR THIS ITEM, 56-B. AND AS I SAT HERE AND HEARD
17 TODAY, THE COUNTY HAS MANY, MANY NEEDS, SOME THAT WERE
18 EXPRESSED TODAY THAT ACTUALLY COME INTO THE SPACE OF
19 REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. AND THESE ACTIVITIES ARE EXTREMELY
20 NEEDED AND COMMUNITIES OF LOW INCOME AND COLOR WHERE THE
21 OBSTACLES ARE REALLY ACUTE. I FULLY SUPPORT AND WOULD ADVOCATE
22 FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION AND THE REALLY
23 ROBUST DISCUSSION OF IT BECAUSE THESE ARE TOOLS THAT YOU NEED
24 IN YOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLBOX. WE, AS AN ORGANIZATION,
25 BELIEVE IN TURNING UP THE HEAT. AND THE HEAT STANDS FOR

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1 HOUSING, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION.
2 THOSE ARE THE BACK BONES TO BUILDING SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES.
3 YESTERDAY I WAS AT STANFORD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY ZONE
4 INVESTMENT SUMMIT. THE GOVERNOR WAS THERE. OUR MAYOR WAS
5 THERE. ALL TALKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO RETHINK SOME
6 OF THE CHANGES THAT WERE MADE OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. AND I
7 WILL TELL YOU FROM THE FOLKS THAT WERE IN THE ROOM, THEY'RE
8 ALL CHASING \$100 BILLION WORTH OF INVESTMENT. MOST OF THE
9 OTHER STATES OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA, THEY HAVE TAX INCREMENT
10 FINANCING AS A TOOL TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **BRAD COX:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE
15 SUPERVISORS. BRAD COX, TRAMMELL CROW COMPANY. WE ARE A
16 DEVELOPER OF MULTI-FAMILY INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN
17 LOS ANGELES, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF C.B.R.E., I'M PROUD
18 TO SAY A PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY HEADQUARTERED HERE IN LOS
19 ANGELES. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TODAY
20 PRIMARILY BECAUSE WE'VE HAD DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH THE
21 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN THE PAST. AND WE THINK IT
22 WAS A VERY FAVORABLE AND BENEFICIAL TOOL FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE
23 WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN DEVELOPING THE CLEANTECH MANUFACTURING
24 CENTER IN SOUTHEAST DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. THAT WAS A PROPERTY
25 THAT WE PARTNERED WITH THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

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1 JUST FOR PERSPECTIVE, IT WAS A PROPERTY THAT HAD SAT FOUL FOR
2 33 YEARS, ENVIRONMENTALLY CHALLENGED. AND BECAUSE OF OUR
3 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, WE WERE
4 SUCCESSFUL IN IMPLEMENTING AND DEVELOPING 450,000 SQUARE FEET
5 OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS THAT BROUGHT OVER 450 JOBS TO THE CITY
6 OF LOS ANGELES. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT IT FOR A COUPLE
7 REASONS. I'M VERY PROUD OF OUR PORTFOLIO OF PROPERTIES THAT WE
8 HAVE UNDER DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE ALMOST 2500 UNITS OF MULTI-
9 FAMILY, OF WHICH, WHEN WE AGGREGATE IT, WERE OVER 20 PERCENT
10 AFFORDABLE IN THOSE MIXED USE COMMUNITIES. WHAT I CAN TELL YOU
11 IS THAT THE FINANCING OF THOSE WERE EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY
12 DIFFICULT. AND WHERE WE ARE IN TODAY'S MARKET WITH THE COST OF
13 CONSTRUCTION AND THE CHALLENGE ON LAND PRICES, IT'S EXTREMELY
14 DIFFICULT TO DELIVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHOUT HAVING TAX
15 INCREMENT FINANCING. THE ABILITY TO HAVE THE TOOLS THAT ARE
16 PROPOSED UNDER THE STATE INITIATIVE WILL BE CRITICAL FOR THE
17 SUCCESS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SOLVING OUR HOMELESS PROBLEM. I
18 MEAN, WE HAVE A HOUSING CRISIS HERE. AS WE ALL KNOW, WE TALK
19 ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME. AND WITHOUT HAVING EVERY TOOL IN OUR
20 TOOLBOX AVAILABLE, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. AND
21 THE AMENDMENTS THAT YOU'VE PROPOSED HERE TO THE STATE
22 INITIATIVE I THINK ARE CRITICAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE
23 PROGRAM. THERE SHOULD BE LOCAL CONTROL. AND THERE SHOULD BE
24 THE ABILITY TO DELIVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS PART OF THE
25 PROGRAM. THANK YOU ALL.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. RED CHIEF
3 HUNT.

4

5 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH THEM
6 GUYS, TOO. I SUPPORT THIS ISSUE BECAUSE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
7 AND THINGS LIKE THAT. I THINK WE'RE MOVING IN THE RIGHT
8 DIRECTION WITH THIS BILL. ACTUALLY, I'VE EXPERIENCED
9 HOMELESSNESS. AND THE 1540 DOESN'T COVER L.A.'S RENT. SO I
10 WANT TO DO AN AMENDMENT TO GET A HIGHER ANNUITY FOR THE
11 ASSISTANCE TO HELP TO PUBLIC PEOPLE BECAUSE \$1500 DON'T DO IT
12 ANYMORE. \$2400 TO LIVE IN AN AVERAGE APARTMENT FOR A ONE
13 BEDROOM. AND THAT'S THE STATISTICS. BUT 1540 DOESN'T DO IT. SO
14 I'M IN SUPPORT. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. AND I AM THE RED CHEF
15 HUNT.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** MY MAJOR COMMENT ABOUT THIS IS THAT I'M NOT HEARING
20 MUCH ABOUT ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF WHY PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD
21 THE CURRENT HOUSING COSTS AND BRINGING BACK INDUSTRIES TO
22 CALIFORNIA SO PEOPLE CAN SECURE HIGHER PAYING CAREERS AND
23 PROFESSIONS AND JOBS. THAT'S WHAT I'M NOT HEARING. THE OTHER
24 ISSUE IS THAT THE PROBLEM WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS
25 ABOUT 98 PERCENT OF THEM HAVE SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS THAT

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1 NEED TREATMENT. AND THEY NEED REHABILITATION BEFORE THEY CAN
2 EVEN MANAGE INDEPENDENT LIVING. I BELIEVE HERE THAT THERE
3 SHOULD BE MORE OF A FOCUS ON I GUESS A TOTAL ECONOMIC
4 REDEVELOPMENT AS OPPOSED TO JUST FOCUSING IN ON AFFORDABLE
5 HOUSING AND LOOK AT THE ISSUES THAT HAVE CAUSED THE CURRENT
6 STATE THAT WE'RE IN NOW.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM? NO. OKAY. SO ITEM 56-B IS
10 BEFORE US. IT'LL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
11 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. BUT LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL --

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14 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I WANT TO ABSTAIN, AS WELL.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR BARGER WILL
17 BE ABSTAINING. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, THIS ITEM WILL BE
18 APPROVED 3-0 WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS. THANK YOU. THAT WILL BE THE
19 ORDER. NEXT, WE ARE ON ITEM 56-D, THE REPORT ON THE COUNTY'S
20 GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD
21 YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** ACTUALLY WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS HEAR FROM OUR
24 DIRECTOR, MS. JIMENEZ, SO SHE CAN MOVE US THROUGH THIS. AND
25 THEN I'LL MAKE SOME STATEMENTS.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND. GOOD
3 AFTERNOON.

4

5 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I WANT TO JUST THANK THE
6 BOARD, MADAM CHAIR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU HERE ON THE GENERAL RELIEF
8 PROGRAM. AS YOU KNOW, THE GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM ADMINISTERED
9 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IS A SAFETY NET TO
10 INDIGENT HOUSEHOLDS THAT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR OTHER STATE OR
11 FEDERAL FUNDS. AND THE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING
12 THAT THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN LOS ANGELES CONTINUE TO
13 RECEIVE THE SERVICES THAT THEY SERVE. AND SINCE WE KNOW THAT A
14 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE LIVING IN THEIR
15 CARS, WE'RE PROPOSING TO THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE
16 COUNTY CODE, THE G.R. COUNTY CODE, TO EXEMPT MOTOR VEHICLES
17 FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR CARS FOR UP TO 11,500. AND IN THE
18 SPIRIT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY, WE ALSO WANT TO INCREASE THE
19 LIQUID ASSETS WHICH ARE NOW 50 AND 100 FOR SINGLE AND ADULTS
20 TO 100 AND 200 FOR SINGLE AND FAMILY. AND THE LAST PIECE OF
21 THIS, IN THE SPIRIT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY, IS TO ALSO IMPROVE
22 THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TO INCREASE IT FROM 500 TO 2,000. SO
23 RIGHT NOW, IF YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY IN YOUR BANK
24 ACCOUNT, YOU'RE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE. SO THAT'S REALLY THE THREE

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1 THINGS WE'RE ASKING FROM THE BOARD. I KNOW I'M THE LAST
2 SPEAKER, SO I WANT TO MAKE IT SHORT AND SWEET.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, DIRECTOR
7 JIMINEZ, FOR GOING THROUGH THIS SO READILY. AND YOU AND I, AND
8 I KNOW OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING
9 HOW THIS CAME ABOUT. I THINK IT'S CRITICAL AS WE FIND MORE
10 PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR CARS AND EVEN IN MOBILE HOMES THAT ARE
11 DILAPIDATED, I KNOW THIS IS A BIG ISSUE IN OUR DISTRICT, IN
12 THE FIRST DISTRICT. AND WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO PUSH PEOPLE
13 OUT TO THE BRINK WHERE THEY WILL LOSE ANY ABILITY TO ACQUIRE
14 THAT SAFETY NET ASSISTANCE THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES. SO I
15 REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A WORTHWHILE EFFORT, THAT WE'RE
16 REALLY COMING INTO OUR DAY AND BEING MORE PRACTICAL OF WHAT
17 PEOPLE NEED IN TERMS OF HAVING THEIR OWN ASSETS AND RESOURCES.
18 THAT INCREMENT THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS GOING TO HELP
19 PEOPLE I BELIEVE INSTEAD OF PENALIZING. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT
20 WE NEED TO REVIEW NOT JUST THESE PLANS BUT OTHERS MOVING
21 FORWARD BECAUSE IN FACT SOMETIMES OUR OWN ORDINANCES OR LAWS
22 ACTUALLY CREATE PEOPLE STAYING IN POVERTY. AND WE ARE FINDING
23 THAT OUT. AND I THINK THIS BOARD IS PRETTY PROGRESSIVE IN
24 LOOKING AT WAYS OF COMBATING THOSE BARRIERS. SO I APPRECIATE
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS JOINING ME ON THIS. THIS IS AN

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1 IMPORTANT ELEMENT FOR ALL OF US. GENERAL RELIEF IS THE LAST
2 RESORT. AND THAT IS A COUNTY-PROVIDED ASSISTANCE THAT COMES
3 OUT FROM OUR GENERAL FUND. AND I WISH THAT OTHER PARTS OF THE
4 STATE AND COUNTIES WOULD LOOK AT THAT, AS WELL. BUT HERE IN
5 L.A. COUNTY, WE'RE SAYING WE'RE STANDING UP FOR PEOPLE. SO,
6 AGAIN, MEMBERS, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT, REALISTICALLY, WE OUGHT
7 TO BE RAISING SOME OF THESE UNREALISTIC LIMITATIONS ON PEOPLE
8 SO THAT THEY CAN GET ON WITH THEIR LIFE, HOPEFULLY HAVE SOME
9 SEMBLANCE, SOME RESPECT, AND DIGNITY. SO WITH THAT, I WILL
10 TURN IT OVER TO THE COAUTHOR.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU,
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS REGARD. I ALSO
16 WANT TO THANK MS. JIMENEZ FOR PROVIDING US WITH THE REPORT
17 TODAY AND THAT WHICH PRECEDED IT. I APPRECIATE WHAT I THINK IS
18 FAIRLY DESCRIBED AS MODEST STEPS TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE
19 INEQUITIES AMONG THOSE WHO USE THEIR VEHICLES AS SLEEPING
20 QUARTERS, KITCHENS, AND STORAGE FACILITIES. ALLOWING PEOPLE TO
21 QUALIFY FOR G.R. WHEN THEY HAVE JUST \$100 TO THEIR NAME IS
22 ALSO AN IMPORTANT STEP THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE. KEY TO
23 THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIES ON REDUCING HOMELESSNESS IS TO HAVE
24 MAINSTREAM SYSTEMS DO MORE. WE CANNOT TACKLE THIS PROBLEM
25 SUCCESSFULLY UNLESS WE ARE ALL IN, LARGE AND SMALL, ALL IN,

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1 EVERYONE. AND I THINK THIS MOTION CALLED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE
2 REVIEW OF OUR CURRENT G.R. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND
3 RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE IMPACT OF THE COUNTY'S POVERTY
4 REDUCTION PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FULLY
5 OR THAT IS TO SAY TRULY INDIGENT BUT CURRENTLY INELIGIBLE FOR
6 THESE PROGRAMS. AND SO IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A STRAIGHT AHEAD
7 ANTI-POVERTY AGENDA HERE, WE NEED TO LOOK DEEPLY, LOOK
8 CAREFULLY, AT THOSE THINGS THAT ARE STANDING IN THE WAY OF US
9 REALLY BEING POVERTY FIGHTERS. IT OUGHT TO BE UNDERSTOOD BY
10 EVERYBODY BY NOW POVERTY IS HUGEY COSTLY TO THIS COUNTY. IT'S
11 COSTLY TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY. AND WE SHOULD BE DOING
12 MORE THAN WHAT WE ARE DOING TO TO ELIMINATE, REDUCE POVERTY.
13 HOMELESSNESS IS JUST ONE MANIFESTATION. AND SO IT'S MY VIEW
14 THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE OTHER
15 POLICY CHANGES THAT COULD BE MADE SPECIFICALLY TO ASSIST THOSE
16 WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND I WOULD WELCOME AN
17 OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A REPORT BACK THAT IS TO RETURN TO THE
18 BOARD WITH SUCH PROPOSED CHANGES FOR OUR COLLECTIVE
19 CONSIDERATION. MADAM CHAIR?

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I AGREE THAT SOME OF THE ISSUES OR
24 THE OBSTACLES OR ROADBLOCKS AS IT RELATES TO G.R. THAT ARE
25 BEING RECOMMENDED FOR CHANGE ARE REAL. I JUST REMEMBER WHEN I

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1 FIRST STARTED, PART OF THE REASON WHY WE DID FINGERPRINTING IS
2 BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE A GOOD SYSTEM IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE
3 THEY DIDN'T GO TO DIFFERENT OFFICES TO APPLY FOR G.R. WE'RE
4 FAR MORE ADVANCED AS IT RELATES TO COMPUTERS AND ALL. AND I
5 THINK WE ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO MAKE SURE THAT FRAUD IS NOT IN
6 PLACE. BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS, ANTONIA, DO WE HAVE A PROFILE OF
7 WHAT, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, AVERAGE PERSON THAT'S
8 APPLYING FOR G.R. IS? IS IT HOMELESS? I MEAN WHAT DOES THE
9 AVERAGE PROFILE LOOK LIKE?

10

11 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** SO THE AVERAGE PROFILE IS REALLY, I WOULD SAY
12 19 TO 40, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EITHER UNEMPLOYABLE OR
13 UNEMPLOYED. SO EITHER THEY COULD BE EMPLOYED, BUT THEY'RE NOT
14 EMPLOYED, THEY'RE NOT WORKING. OR THEY ARE ON THE TRACK TO THE
15 S.S.I. BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT EMPLOYABLE. SO THEY MIGHT HAVE SOME
16 MENTAL HEALTH, SOME DISABILITIES, THOSE ARE THE KIND OF
17 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ON G.R. TODAY.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** SO THAT BRINGS ME TO MY NEXT QUESTION. YOU
20 ESTIMATE THAT BY MAKING THESE CHANGES, WE WILL -- IT'LL
21 BENEFIT I THINK IT WAS OVER 3,000 INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL BE
22 ABLE TO APPLY?

23

24 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** THAT'S CORRECT.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** OF THOSE -- AND THE FISCAL IMPACT IS 6.7 TO 8
2 MILLION. OF THOSE, KNOWING THIS IS NET COUNTY COST, AND IF WE
3 GET THEM QUALIFIED FOR S.S.I., WE GET REIMBURSED FOR ALL THE
4 TIME THEY WERE ON IT AND THEN MOVING FORWARD, WHAT PERCENTAGE
5 OF THE OVERALL G.R. CURRENT AND LOOKING TO THE ONES THAT ARE
6 GOING TO BE ADDED ON DO YOU THINK ARE GOING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR
7 S.S.I.? AND ARE YOU GOING TO INCREASE STAFFING ON THAT END SO
8 THAT WE CAN AGGRESSIVELY LOOK TO QUALIFY THEM FOR S.S.I.
9 BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY THE GOAL IS TO GET THEM ONGOING INCOME
10 FOR THOSE THAT CANNOT WORK?

11

12 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** SO, AS YOU KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
13 SERVICES IS THE ONE WHO HAS -- WE'VE TRANSITIONED S.S.I., THE
14 C.B.E.S.T., TO THEM. SO WE HAVE A GREAT CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR
15 G.R. UNEMPLOYABLE POPULATION AND THE C.B.E.S.T. POPULATION.
16 AND SO WE SEND THEM TO D.H.S. AND THEY WORK ON THAT. WE'VE
17 ALSO STARTED A BRAND NEW PILOT WHICH WE STARTED IN IT RANCHO
18 AND LANCASTER AND CIVIC CENTER WHERE, YOU KNOW, WE ASSESS
19 THESE MENTAL HEALTH INDIVIDUALS, THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL
20 HEALTH. AND WE TELL THEM THAT THEY HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE,
21 BUT THEN WE SEND THEM ALONG THE MERRY WAY THE TRY TO GET INTO
22 A D.M.H. CLINIC. SO WE DECIDED TO BRING THE D.M.H. CLINICIAN
23 INTO OUR G.R. OFFICES. AND SO THEREFORE NOT ONLY WOULD THEY BE
24 ASSESSED, BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY GETTING THEIR MENTAL HEALTH
25 CLINICAL SERVICES IN OUR G.R. OFFICES. AND WE'VE HAD A SMALL,

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1 IT'S ONLY BEEN LIKE TWO TO THREE WEEKS, BUT THE RESULTS AND
2 THE FEEDBACK THAT WE'VE GOTTEN FROM PARTICIPANTS HAS BEEN
3 REALLY FAVORABLE. THEY'RE SAYING THAT THEY REALLY WANT, THE
4 PEOPLE THAT WANT TO WORK WANT US TO WORK WITH THEM TO REMOVE
5 THE IMPEDIMENTS THAT PREVENT THEM FROM FINDING EMPLOYMENT. AND
6 THE PEOPLE THAT NEED HELP WITH S.S.I. WANT US TO HELP THEM
7 WITH THAT. SO WE'RE TRYING TO DO BOTH THERE.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** SO I WOULD ASK -- I THINK THIS IS A GREAT -- AND
10 YOU ARE PUTTING THINGS INTO THE OFFICES THAT OTHERWISE HAVE
11 NOT BEEN THERE. AND THERE ARE SERVICES THAT ARE VALUE-ADDED
12 FOR OUR POPULATION.

13

14 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** THAT'S RIGHT.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT I WOULD ASK THAT WE GET UPDATES AS IT RELATES
17 TO THE CASELOAD BUT ALSO WORKING WITH WITH D.H.S. BECAUSE I
18 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT DOESN'T FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS. I
19 MEAN ESPECIALLY IN OUR JAILS WHERE WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO
20 HAVE PSYCHIATRISTS, DOCTORS, EVERYTHING TO FILL OUT THE S.S.I.
21 PAPERWORK, WHICH WE FINALLY GOT BACK THANKS TO BEING
22 AGGRESSIVE AND WORKING WITH THEM. YOU LITERALLY DO HAVE A
23 CAPTIVE AUDIENCE. SO WHEN THEY GET OUT OF JAIL, THE S.S.I. CAN
24 KICK IN. AND THEY DON'T END UP ON THE STREET. AND I WOULD HOPE
25 THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AGGRESSIVE. SO I SUPPORT THE

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1 CHANGES. BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT THE
2 ULTIMATE GOAL. AND THAT IS TO GET THEM OFF OF G.R. AND ONTO
3 EITHER A JOB OR INCOME AS IT RELATES TO S.S.I. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR I WANT TO ASK THE DIRECTOR, ANTONIA
8 JIMENEZ, IF YOU COULD JUST INTO HOW YOU HAVE STREAMLINED THE
9 APPLICATION PROCESS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THAT.

10

11 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** SO WE HAVE A LOT OF G.R. RECIPIENTS WHO GET
12 TERMINATED FROM THEIR CASES BECAUSE THEY FAIL TO COMPLETE THE
13 QUARTERLY REPORTING. SO WHAT WE'VE DECIDED IS INSTEAD OF THEM
14 TO SUBMIT AN ENTIRE BRAND NEW APPLICATION, SINCE THEY ARE
15 ALREADY KNOWN TO OUR SYSTEM, THAT WE WOULD ACTUALLY LOOK IN
16 OUR SYSTEMS AND FIND ALL THOSE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE ACTIVE AND
17 CURRENT. AND BASED ON THAT, WE WON'T BE ASKING THEM TO
18 RESUBMIT THEM, WE WOULD JUST APPROVE THE APPLICATION. FOR THE
19 PEOPLE THAT ARE STREAMLINED, WE HAVE LIKE I WANT TO SAY A 47
20 PERCENT SAME DAY APPROVAL OR WITHIN FIVE DAYS. SO WE'RE REALLY
21 WORKING ON ENSURING THAT PEOPLE WHO ALREADY ARE KNOWN TO OUR
22 SYSTEMS DON'T HAVE TO WAIT SO LONG TO GET BACK INTO THE
23 BENEFITS.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK THE DIRECTOR FOR
3 COMING FORWARD AND MAKING THE PRESENTATION. THIS IS SOMEWHAT
4 EXCITING THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY MAKING SENSE OF THIS PROGRAM IN
5 REALITY AND WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH TODAY'S MARKET AND WHAT THE
6 COSTS ARE TO PURCHASE THINGS. IT'S NOT A LOT OF MONEY THAT
7 WE'RE ACTUALLY ALLOWING TO BE USED TOWARDS THEM SO THAT THEY
8 CAN STAY A PART OF OUR PROGRAM. BUT IT'S REALLY MORE IN MY
9 OPINION MORE LIFESAVING, AND IT'S A MORAL ISSUE FOR US. SO
10 AGAIN THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU DIRECTOR JIMENEZ.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THIS. I
13 MEAN THESE ARE MODEST CHANGES, REALLY. BUT THIS GOES TO THE
14 CORE OF WHO WE ARE, REALLY, AS L.A. COUNTY. WHEN I THINK ABOUT
15 ALL THE THINGS WE DO, AND WE'VE TACKLED A LOT OF ISSUES JUST
16 IN TODAY'S AGENDA, AND YET, AT THE CORE, YOU KNOW, WE ARE A
17 SAFETY NET NET FOR THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED THE END OF THEIR
18 ROPE FINANCIALLY, MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY, PHYSICALLY. AND AGAIN
19 THESE ARE SMALL CHANGES, BUT I THINK THEY'RE SO IMPORTANT THAT
20 IT MAY JUST KEEP THAT PERSON OR THAT FAMILY FROM REALLY
21 FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS. WHILE, OUR GOAL IS CERTAINLY TO
22 MOVE PEOPLE OFF. AND OBVIOUSLY LIFT EVERYONE OUT OF POVERTY
23 AND HOMELESSNESS, IN THE MEANTIME, I THINK THIS IS EXACTLY
24 WHAT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING AS THE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES. SO THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. JUST A FURTHER THOUGHT, I
3 WANT TO ALSO THANK THE DIRECTOR FOR THE RESPONSIVENESS THAT
4 YOU AND THE DEPARTMENT SHOWED TO THESE ISSUES, NOT THAT YOU
5 WEREN'T ALREADY THINKING ABOUT IT AND ON BOARD, BUT ESPECIALLY
6 WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN
7 THEIR CARS. YOU KNOW, IT SEEMS LIKE A SMALL THING TO HAVE THE
8 OWNERSHIP OF YOUR CAR EXCLUDED. AND THEN YOU GET A MUCH BIGGER
9 EXCLUSION IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE AN INVESTMENT IN A HOME SO
10 THAT YOU DON'T LOSE IT. AND IN THIS CASE THEY WERE GOING TO
11 LOSE THEIR HOME AND THEIR CAR BECAUSE IT WAS THE SAME THING.
12 SO I THINK JUST THAT RESPONSE ALONE WHEN WE'RE NOW STRUGGLING
13 TO AT LEAST PROVIDE SAFE PARKING OVERNIGHT AND SOME SERVICES
14 BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN THEIR CARS, AND WE'RE
15 DISCOVERING MORE AND MORE EVERY DAY. STUDENTS AND THOSE WHO
16 HAVE RETURNED TO SCHOOL TO TRY TO FIND A NEW WAY TO WORK ARE
17 LIVING IN THEIR CARS. SO THANK YOU ESPECIALLY FOR THAT, NOT
18 ONLY OF COURSE FOR THAT, BUT FOR THE RESPONSIVENESS AND REALLY
19 THE QUICKNESS WITH WHICH YOU RESPONDED. THANK YOU, MADAM
20 CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
23 THAT HAVE SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM?

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
2 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? NICOLE
3 PARSONS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, AND ERNEST
4 MOORE. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

7

8 **ERNEST MOORE:** I USED TO WORK FOR D.P.S.S. BACK IN THE '90S
9 WHEN I HAD RETURNED BACK TO L.A. FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL. I WAS
10 STUDYING MEDICINE DOWN IN MEXICO. I ACTUALLY QUIT THAT JOB
11 BECAUSE OF WHAT I SAW GOING ON THERE. THERE'S SOME PROBLEMS
12 WITH THE GENERAL RELIEF, MAJOR PROBLEMS, THAT THE WORKERS
13 REALLY DON'T EVEN KNOW. ONE IS THAT ONCE YOU TAKE GENERAL
14 RELIEF, YOU'VE GOT TO PAY THAT BACK. AND A LOT OF THE WORKERS
15 DON'T TELL YOU THAT. I'M FACED WITH THAT NOW GOING THROUGH
16 THIS PROBATE CASE THAT ONCE EVERYTHING GETS CLOSED OUT,
17 THEY'RE GOING GO BACK AND PULL UP EVERYTHING THAT I TOOK OUT
18 ON GENERAL RELIEF WELFARE PROGRAMS. THE OTHER ISSUE WE HAVE
19 HERE, ESPECIALLY ABOUT BLACK AMERICANS, IS ABOUT JOBLESSNESS.
20 AND THAT'S RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, WHERE
21 THEY'RE ALLOWING ALLOWING IMMIGRANTS TO COME IN AND TAKE
22 CAREERS, JOBS, AND PROFESSIONS FROM US. IT'S FORCING US OUT ON
23 THE STREETS.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. NOW WE ARE GOING TO
2 GO TO LANCASTER. I THINK. HOLD ON ONE SECOND. YEAH, STAND BY,
3 LANCASTER.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HOLD ON. WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. I KNOW. WHAT'S
6 GOING ON IN LANCASTER TODAY, SUPERVISOR BARGER? IN YOUR
7 DISTRICT. HOLD ON. WHAT DO YOU THINK? CAN WE GET LANCASTER?
8 CAN WE GET AUDIO? WE'VE GOT VISUAL NOT AUDIO. SHOULD WE BRING
9 HER BACK DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, GIVE HER ANOTHER MINUTE? OKAY,
10 ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO BRING YOU BACK WHEN WE
11 CAN BRING YOU BACK. WHAT'S THE -- COUNTY COUNSEL? WE CAN'T GET
12 THIS LAST PUBLIC COMMENT? IT'S A RECEIVE AND FILE. CAN WE VOTE
13 ON IT? OR SHOULD WE VOTE ON IT? (COMMENTS OFF MIC). YEAH.
14 OKAY. WE'LL TABLE IT. WE'LL TABLE IT. OKAY. NOW, IT'S TIME FOR
15 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD. IT WOULD BE
16 APPROPRIATE TO CALL UP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO
17 SPEAK TO US ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
20 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? RED CHIEF HUNT HAS
21 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 2-D. KELLY DECKER ON
22 ITEMS 2. GABRIELLA LEWIS ON ITEM 49. DOT WONG ON ITEM 2. DR.
23 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL ON ITEMS 2, 8, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 53,
24 61, CS-1. ERIC PREVEN ON ITEMS 15, 19, 20, 24, 29, 31, 32, 34,
25 35, 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, AND 59. JOSEPH MAIZLISH ON ITEMS 19

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1 AND 49. AND NICOLE PARSONS ON ITEMS 2, 15, 26, 40, 49, 53, 61,
2 AND CS-1.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELCOME.

5

6 **KELLY DECKER:** HI, THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HI, GO AHEAD.

9

10 **KELLY DECKER:** HI, MY NAME IS KELLY DECKER. I'M HERE TO SPEAK
11 ON ITEM NUMBER 2. AND TODAY I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF
12 AS A RESIDENT OF KAGEL CANYON. FIRST I'M GRATEFUL TO
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.
14 I'M VERY HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL BE A START TO PUTTING AN END
15 TO THE LONG STANDING PUBLIC POLICY OF CHOOSING TO POISON OUR
16 WILDLIFE SIMPLY BECAUSE IT'S CHEAPER, IT'S EASIER, BECAUSE
17 IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS. THAT
18 BEING SAID, I DO HAVE ONE CONCERN AND THAT IS THAT IN MY
19 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF TRYING TO WORK WITH L.A. COUNTY FLOOD
20 CONTROL OVER THE LAST YEAR TO LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVES TO
21 GLYPHOSATE, THEY HAVE BEEN VERY RESISTANT TO CONSIDERING
22 CHANGE. TO PUT THE COUNTY AGENCIES IN CHARGE OF THIS IMPORTANT
23 RESEARCH IN MY OPINION IS AKIN TO PUTTING THE FOX IN CHARGE OF
24 GUARDING THE HENHOUSE. THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD HAVE TO DO MORE
25 WORK SHOULD NOT BE IN CHARGE OF THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR

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1 NOT THEY SHOULD HAVE TO DO MORE WORK. SO WHAT I'M RECOMMENDING
2 AND WHAT I'M HOPEFUL THAT YOU CAN IMPLEMENT AS PART OF THIS IS
3 THAT THE COUNTY AGENCIES BE TASKED WITH EITHER WORKING WITH OR
4 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY IN THE
5 SCIENTIFIC OR ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES, POSSIBLY FROM ONE OF OUR
6 UNIVERSITIES HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, IN ORDER TO ENSURE
7 THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THIS IMPORTANT EXERCISE IS NOT
8 COMPROMISED AND THAT THE RESULTS CAN BE TRUSTED TO BE
9 UNBIASED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST SO THAT YOU UNDERSTAND, I MEAN
14 THE GOAL IS THERE'S A 30-DAY MORATORIUM. BUT I CAN ONLY SPEAK
15 FOR MYSELF. I PLAN ON BRINGING SOMETHING BACK THAT IS GOING TO
16 NO LONGER ALLOW IT TO BE SPRAYED. BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE
17 ALTERNATIVES ARE. SO IT'S GOING TO BE UP TO THIS BOARD TO MAKE
18 THAT FINAL DETERMINATION. A 30-DAY MORATORIUM IS ONLY TO GIVE
19 THE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THE CONTRACTS AND WHAT WE'VE GOT
20 GOING, THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME FORWARD. BUT MY PERSONAL INTENT
21 IS TO ASK THIS BOARD TO ENDORSE NO LONGER ALLOWING IT TO BE
22 USED IN THE COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AGAIN THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT
25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID YOU?

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL I THINK THERE MAY BE OTHER PEOPLE TALKING
3 ABOUT THE ROUNDUP ISSUE. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT ON THE
4 31ST DAY, IT DOESN'T JUST KICK BACK IN AGAIN, AND WE'LL START
5 SPRAYING ROUNDUP. I MEAN NEITHER OF US IS GOING TO LET THAT
6 HAPPEN IF WE CAN HELP IT. THERE WILL BE SOMETHING BEFORE THEN.
7 AND ALSO WE WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE SOME
8 OF THEM ARE TOXIC, TOO. BUT WE NEEDED MORE INFORMATION.
9 ROUNDUP, WE KNOW. SO WE'RE STARTING WITH THAT FOR 30 DAYS. AND
10 WE'LL CHECK IN AGAIN WITH THE FLOOD DISTRICT TO MAKE SURE THAT
11 THAT IS UNDERSTOOD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THANK YOU,
12 MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MR. PREVEN?

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. I
17 JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT SOLE SOURCE ITEM. I KNOW YOU'RE
18 GOING TO THROW IT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE
19 DOING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH THIRD SECTOR CAPITAL, WHICH
20 I THINK THAT'S THE BALLMER GROUP FOR \$250,000. AND WE HAD THE
21 CLIPPERS DOWN HERE. I JUST THINK THAT WHEN WE DON'T DO
22 COMPETITIVE BIDDING, WE SHOOT OURSELVES IN THE FOOT A LITTLE
23 BIT. I TALKED ABOUT THE MOTOROLA PROBLEMS. I'VE TALKED ABOUT
24 THE TASER AND AXON PROBLEMS. I JUST THINK THAT WE HAVE A BUNCH
25 OF BIG BULLIES WHO COME IN AND GET ALL THE CONTRACTS, A.T.&T.,

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1 ENGLANDER, KNABE, AND ALLEN. SO I DON'T KNOW. I FEEL LIKE WE
2 SHOULD WORK HARDER THERE. HOST COMPLIANCE IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE,
3 YOU'VE GOT THEM ON ITEM 3 TODAY TRYING TO GET YOUR ORDINANCE
4 GOING FOR THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS. BUT THIS IS A GROUP THAT IS
5 WIDELY REPORTED TO BE VIRTUALLY AND ENTITY ALMOST INSIDE
6 AIRBNB. THEY ARE GETTING EVERY CONTRACT. THE CITY OF L.A. HAD
7 TO CHASE THEM OUT OF THE BUILDING THE OTHER DAY BECAUSE THEY
8 WERE AFRAID TO DISCUSS WHY THEY WERE CHOSEN AND WAS THERE ANY
9 COMPETITIVE BIDDING. THEY JUST GET ALL THE CONTRACTS. SO
10 THAT'S VERY WEIRD. I'M VERY HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT THE
11 ENCOURAGING FOLKS TO WORK FROM HOME. THAT SEEMED LIKE A REALLY
12 GOOD IDEA AS LONG AS AND WE DID IT IN MY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
13 COMMITTEE IN STUDIO CITY, TOO. AND THERE WAS A FUNNY AREA
14 BECAUSE PEOPLE LIKE TO WORK AT HOME. AND THERE'S THE RISKY
15 BUSINESS COMPONENT, TOO, WHERE YOU'RE CUTTING SCHOOL. SO WE
16 HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE SOME SAFEGUARDS THERE. AND I
17 DO LIKE THE IDEA OF GETTING FOLKS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIG
18 WALK WITH THE RAMS, BUT LET'S NOT ARM TWIST THEM. LET'S NOT
19 ARM TWIST FOLKS TO DONATING TO MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S FAVORITE
20 SUBJECTS. I LIKE YOU'RE PUTTING ATHLETICS UP FRONT WITH THE
21 PUPPY. NOTHING WRONG WITH A QUICK ATHLETIC, GET EVERYBODY
22 EXCITED. SO GOOD WORK ON THAT, SIR. BUT IN THE MARINA, YOU'RE
23 TRANSFERRING A PROPERTY. AND THE LESSEE'S TRANSFERRING,
24 GETTING \$5 MILLION, BUT THE COUNTY GETS NOTHING. NOW MARY
25 WICKHAM, WHERE IS RICHARD VOLPARE WHEN WE NEED HIM? AREN'T

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1 THESE THE KINDS OF TRANSITIONS WHERE WE WANT TO BE IN THE LOOP
2 AND NOT JUST GIVE THEM AWAY TO THESE GREAT L.L.C.S WHO ARE
3 HANDLING IT? CAN WE GET SOME GUY TO TALK ABOUT THAT MAYBE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **GABRIELLA LEWIS:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GABRIELLA
8 LEWIS. I AM HERE TO ADDRESS AGENDA NUMBER 49. AND I JUST
9 WANTED TO SAY, ON BEHALF OF CAST, THANK YOU TO ALL THE
10 SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR UNWAIVERING AND ENDURING SUPPORT
11 REGARDING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. SO WE ARE HERE TO
12 SUPPORT -- WE ARE HERE TO SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS
13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE D.O.J. GRANT TO CONTINUE THE L.A.
14 REGIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASKFORCE. CAST HAS BEEN CO-LEAD
15 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THIS GROUNDBREAKING PROJECT
16 SINCE 2015. THIS APPROVAL IS A VITALL STEP TO CONTINUE THE
17 GREAT MOMENTUM ON A MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND COLLABORATIVE
18 APPROACH TO COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING. AS OUR PARTNERS AT
19 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL TELL YOU THEMSELVES, HUMAN
20 TRAFFICKING IS NOT AN ISSUE THAT WILL BE ENDED BY THE POLICE
21 OR BUY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ALONE. THIS TASKFORCE
22 REPRESENTS THE UNDENIABLE NEED FOR THE HOLISTIC, TRAUMA-
23 INFORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACHES, INCLUDING VOICES FROM
24 THE COMMUNITY, VICTIM SERVICES, HEALTHCARE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND
25 LAW ENFORCEMENT. OUR TASKFORCE HAS BECOME A MODEL FOR

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1 COMMUNITIES AROUND THE NATION, YET WE KNOW WE CAN ALWAYS GROW
2 AND ENHANCE THE WORK BEING DONE. EVERY MONTH, NEW INITIATIVES
3 AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS ARE FORGED TO EXPAND THE WAYS IN
4 WHICH WE VIEW HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS A HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUBLIC
5 HEALTH ISSUE AND THEREFORE THE DEMAND FOR A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED
6 RESPONSE TO INCLUDE MULTIDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION. WITH
7 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE THIS GRANT AND THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
8 DEDICATED HUMAN TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATORS, WE CAN HELP OUR
9 BRAVE SURVIVORS NOT JUST BE SAFE BUT THRIVE AND HELP THEM TO
10 RESTORE THEIR FAITH IN INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 8 WITH THE ST.
17 VINCENT PURCHASE, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT WONDERFUL
18 HOSPITAL? ARE YOU GOING TO CONVERT IT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN
19 JAIL WHO NEED PSYCHIATRY CARE? THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD OPTION,
20 YOU KNOW. ANYWAY, I'M SENDING IT THERE BECAUSE IT'S WELL-
21 ESTABLISHED IN ITS PLACE. AND IT'S DOWNTOWN. PEOPLE CAN COME
22 AND VISIT THEM, YOU KNOW. IT MIGHT BE A GOOD POINT. ON THE
23 SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT ABOUT THE COMPANY NAMED THIRD SECTOR
24 CAPITAL PARTNER, YOU KNOW I'M ALLERGIC TO SOLE VENDOR
25 CONTRACTS. AND I'M NOT GOING CHANGE. I DON'T CARE HOW MANY

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1 TIME I COME HERE. WHEN I DID SOME RESEARCH AND WENT TO LOOK AT
2 WHAT THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED, IMAGINE MY SURPRISE THAT SOME OF
3 THE WORK THAT THEY DID FOR THE COUNTY WERE NO LONGER
4 ACCESSIBLE. SEE THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE SOLE VENDOR CONTRACTS
5 BECAUSE YOU DON'T GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED. ALSO ON 31, SO
6 I'M GOING BACK ONE, ABOUT THOSE INCREASE OF INCIDENTAL EXPENSE
7 FOR OFFICIAL FUNCTION. AN INCREASE FROM 5,000 TO 740,000.
8 THAT'S A HUGE INCREASE. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR BARGER HAVE
9 ASKED YOU TO GET SOME INFORMATION TO HAVE SOME CONSISTENCY
10 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT ON HOW MUCH MONEY THEY SPENT. ON ITEM
11 53 -- WELL, TOO BAD. GOOD NIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MERCI. ARE ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
14 WHO HAVE SIGNED UP ON THIS? SO LANCASTER APPARENTLY IS STILL
15 NOT WORKING. AND I BELIEVE NICOLE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING. SO IF
16 IT IS OKAY WITH MY COLLEAGUES, WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND TAKE
17 BACK UP THAT ITEM WHICH WAS A RECEIVE AND FILE. MOVED BY
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE
19 THAT ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
20 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** JUST FOR THE RECORD THAT WAS ITEM 56-D.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT WAS 56-D. THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, IT
25 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON

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1 THE POSTED AGENDA OR TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR
2 PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. WE WILL START WITH -- IS THERE
3 ANYONE? OH, I HAVE ONE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** READ THE VOTES FOR THE ITEMS NOT HELD BY
6 THE SUPERVISORS AND TAKE A VOTE ON THOSE ITEMS. SO THE
7 FOLLOWING ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 2-D, 2, 8, 15, 19, 20,
8 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 49,
9 53, 59, AND 61.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF
13 THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
14 ORDER. NOW ARE WE ON SPECIALS?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** TESTING 1, 2, 3, TESTING.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NOW IT'S WORKING. IS THERE ANY SPECIALS
19 BESIDES MINE? OKAY. COLLEAGUES, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A
20 MOTION TO BE VOTED ON TODAY. ON MARCH 5TH, THE BODY OF NINE-
21 YEAR-OLD TRINITY LOVE JONES WAS FOUND ON A HIKING TRAIL IN
22 HACIENDA HEIGHTS. THE INVESTIGATION INTO HER DEATH HAS
23 REVEALED ELEMENTS OF A YOUNG LIFE MARKED BY TURBULENCE. WE
24 MUST EXAMINE WHAT, IF ANY, CONTACT THAT L.A. COUNTY OR ANY
25 OTHER COUNTY HAD WITH TRINITY AND HER FAMILY IN ORDER TO

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1 DETERMINE IF THERE ARE PARTS OF THE SAFETY NET THAT SHOULD BE
2 STRENGTHENED TO BEST ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN
3 CRISIS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4 INSTRUCT THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION IN COORDINATION WITH
5 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, THE DIRECTORS OF
6 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH,
7 MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS
8 SERVICES AUTHORITY, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, AND THE
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES
10 SURROUNDING THE LIFE AND TRAGIC MURDER OF NINE-YEAR-OLD
11 TRINITY LOVE JONES, INCLUDING REVIEWING THE INVOLVEMENT OF
12 OTHER COUNTIES AND REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS WITH ANY
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING COUNTY SERVICES TO OPTIMALLY
14 PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF YOUNG CHILDREN. THIS
15 MOTION IS BEFORE US. AND I SEE SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

16
17 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST HAVE A QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR. YOU'VE ASKED
18 OUR DEPARTMENTS TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES
19 SURROUNDING HER LIFE AND MURDER. BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT THEY
20 HAVE AN AUTHORITY, REALLY, TO DO IT. SOME OF THEM MIGHT. BUT
21 THERE WOULD BE INVESTIGATIONS. AND THIS WOULD BE WHETHER OR
22 NOT THEY EVER HAD ANY CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY. SO IT SEEMS
23 THAT SOMEHOW WE OUGHT TO AT LEAST LIMIT THE ORDER TO THEM TO
24 INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCES ABOUT HER LIFE AND MURDER TO THOSE
25 THAT WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO DO SO OR THOSE WHO HAD CONTACT

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1 SOMEHOW WITH HER OR THE FAMILY BECAUSE OTHERWISE IT'S LIKE
2 OPENING AN INVESTIGATION.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL THERE IS AN INVESTIGATION GOING ON. BUT
5 IT WOULD BE LIKE ANY -- A COUPLE OTHER ONES THAT HAVE COME
6 BEFORE US, ANTHONY, GABRIEL, JUST SO WE CAN TAKE ANOTHER LOOK
7 TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD STRENGTHEN ANY COUNTY SERVICES.
8 FOR INSTANCE, WE WERE TALKING TODAY ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE LIVING
9 IN THEIR CARS. APPARENTLY, HER AND HER FAMILY --

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M TOTALLY WITH YOU ON THE MEANING FOR IT AND THE
12 REASON FOR IT. I'M SAYING IT'S A VERY BROAD DIRECTIVE TO OUR
13 DEPARTMENTS TO INVESTIGATE THINGS THAT THEY MAY HAVE NOTHING
14 TO DO WITH BECAUSE TO INVESTIGATE HER LIFE AND HER MURDER, IF
15 THEY NEVER HAD ANY CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY, SEEMS BROAD. AND
16 THEY'LL TAKE IT SERIOUSLY BECAUSE IT'S A MOTION FROM US.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PERHAPS THIS WOULD SATISFY THE CONCERN
21 BEING RAISED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND THAT IS TO HAVE IT
22 COORDINATED BY COUNTY COUNSEL. SO ALL OF THE AREAS IN WHICH
23 THEY, THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT YOU SAY MAY EXCEED THEIR
24 AUTHORITY, COUNTY COUNSEL WOULD SAY NOPE, THAT'S NOT FOR YOU
25 TO DO. AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS CAN DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO.

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1 AND, MADAM CHAIR, YOUR MOTION WOULD THEN GO FORWARD WITH THE
2 INTENT TO ACCOMPLISH A LOOK AT THIS BUT NOT INTRUSIVE, NOT OUT
3 OF BOUNDS AND SO FORTH. BUT I THINK YOU GET THE SAME THING
4 ACCOMPLISHED. ALL RIGHT? SO IF IT'S COORDINATED BY COUNSEL,
5 THAT WILL KEEP EVERYBODY IN THE RIGHT LANE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE AMEND IT TO SAY THAT? OKAY. SO
8 AMENDED. OKAY. SO THAT MOTION IS NOW BEFORE US AS AMENDED. DR.
9 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

10

11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COME AND
12 SPEAK TO THAT ITEM. I AM VERY, VERY CONCERNED. AND I'M SO GLAD
13 YOU BRING THAT ITEM BECAUSE UNTIL WE MAKE SURE THAT THE HUB,
14 OUR STAFF, WITH PHYSICIAN AND NURSES AND HELP, WE'RE GOING TO
15 HAVE CHILDREN WHO ARE GOING TO DIE. AND THAT'S NO IF AND BUTS.
16 AND I REALLY DEMAND THAT YOU MAKE A INQUIRY ABOUT THE HUB, HOW
17 THEY ARE STAFFED, BY WHOM, HOW MUCH MONEY, AND REMOVE
18 AUTHORITY FOR CHRISTINA GHALY TO CLOSE THEM WHEN SHE FEELS
19 LIKE IT. I MEAN, THAT'S NOT HER PREROGATIVE TO DO THAT. SO
20 PLEASE. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND I BELIEVE MR. PREVEN WANTS THE SPEAK ON
23 THIS ITEM, AS WELL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM? SO
24 NO. OKAY. SO THE MOTION IS NOW BEFORE US AS AMENDED. MOVED BY
25 MYSELF. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THIS

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1 ITEM TODAY. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE
2 ORDER. OKAY. NOW WE'RE TO PUBLIC COMMENT. IT'S APPROPRIATE NOW
3 TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
4 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE
5 SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. MADAM EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER, CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO DO
7 THAT.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
10 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?
11 LARRY LAVEN, ERIC PREVEN, DARRELL KRUSE, RED CHIEF HUNT, JAMES
12 ESSEX, LAWRENCE DICKERSON, ANTHONY HAYES, ROBERT GREEN IN
13 LANCASTER, AND ERNEST MOORE. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN. AND I'M NOT A BIG
18 FAN OF PULLING ITEMS OUT OF THE AIR AND THEN VOTING THEM
19 BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE THEN THE REST OF THE 11 MILLION CAN'T
20 WEIGH IN. NOW, I DON'T THINK -- IT'S NOT A CONTROVERSIAL ONE.
21 ALTHOUGH SUPERVISOR KUEHL MADE THE GOOD POINT. WE SHOULDN'T
22 JUST ORDER PEOPLE TO DO STUFF. BUT LET'S FOCUS ON THE SHERIFF
23 FOR A MINUTE BECAUSE THAT WILL GET THE SUPERVISORS' ATTENTION.
24 I THINK THE SHERIFF HAS TO BRING THE POST TRAINING ON MENTAL
25 HEALTH FORWARD. I'M NOT GOING TO GO THE POST OFFICES MYSELF. I

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1 MEAN, THEY ARE TRAINING ALL OF OUR DEPUTIES ON THE MENTAL
2 HEALTH TRAINING VIDEO. I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO REVIEW IT
3 AND TO MAKE IT -- I'LL BE HAPPY TO SIT IN A ROOM AND WATCH IT.
4 BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE THAT IT'S BEING WITHHELD. ALSO
5 THE CUSTODY DIVISION MANUAL IS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDING QUALITY
6 CARE AND APPROPRIATE CARE IN OUR FACILITIES. AS FOR THE
7 SUPERVISORS, WE CAN'T NOT REPORT, MS. WICKHAM, I'M SORRY,
8 COUNTY RISK AND LITIGATION. WE HAVE TO BRING ESTABROOK AND
9 ROBLES DOWN HERE. THAT'S WHAT THEY DO. AND THEN WE KNOW THAT
10 WE CAN MAKE CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD
11 WITH LESS LIABILITY. YES, YOU PUBLISHED IT. BUT YOU DIDN'T
12 TALK ABOUT IT.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **DARRELL KRUSE:** THANK YOU. I AM DARRELL KRUSE. AND I'D LIKE TO
17 FILL YOU IN ON HOW IT HAPPENED. YOU SEE, AFTER TALKING TO A
18 LOT OF DEPARTMENTS, I WENT TO REGIONAL PLANNING, AND REGIONAL
19 PLANNING REFERRED IT TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES. THAT WAS IN
20 APRIL OF 2005. I WENT TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THEY SAID SEE
21 THE SUPERVISOR. I CALLED DON KNABE'S OFFICE. I TALKED TO TO
22 SOME [EXPLETIVE] NAMED GEORGE. HE, AFTER A NUMBER OF
23 CONVERSATIONS, HE SENT ME TO COUNTY COUNSEL OFFICE. AND I HAD
24 A NUMBER OF DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL OVER SIX WEEKS. AT
25 THE END OF THAT, COUNTY COUNSEL TOLD ME THAT THE COUNTY WAS

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1 GOING TO COME UP WITH REGULATIONS TO ALLOW FOR DISPENSARIES
2 AND ASKED ME IF DON KNABE'S OFFICE HAD CONTACTED ME YET. I
3 INDICATED THEY DID NOT. SO I CONTACTED GEORGE AT DON KNABE'S
4 OFFICE. AND GEORGE SAID, "WELL, WE ARE ALREADY DEALING WITH
5 DON." WHO'S DON? HE SAID DON DUNCAN FROM THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS.
6 I SAID WHO IS DON DUNCAN? HE SAID, "WELL AREN'T YOU WITH DAVE
7 AND DON DUNCAN?" I SAID I'M WITH DAVE, BUT I'M NOT WITH DON
8 DUNCAN. I DON'T KNOW WHO THOSE PEOPLE ARE. SO DON DUNCAN CAME
9 OUT OF NO WHERE AND STARTED DEALING WITH DON KNABE'S OFFICE --
10 HAD BEEN DEALING WITH DON KNABE'S OFFICE AFTER DON KNABE'S
11 OFFICE SENT ME TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND DEAL WITH COUNTY COUNSEL.
12 I GOT IT TAKEN CARE OF WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. THEY WERE READY TO
13 DO IT. I GOT IT TAKEN CARE OF WITH DON KNABE'S OFFICE, BUT
14 THEN DON DUNCAN CAME IN AND TOOK IT OVER. ON MAY 26TH, 2005,
15 RICK VELASQUEZ HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH DON DUNCAN, ROLAND NAM
16 AND DAVID NAME FOR THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS STORE. ON MAY 27TH,
17 THE NEXT DAY, HE MADE THE SAME DEAL WITH ME. AND I WANT MY
18 DISPENSARY.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21
22 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
23 LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT DOUBLE JEOPARDY
24 AT MENTAL HEALTH COURTS. MENTAL HEALTH COURT STANDS IN
25 VIOLATION OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT PROHIBITING DOUBLE JEOPARDY.

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1 EVERY YEAR FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS NOW I HAVE HAD TO ANSWER TO
2 THE SAME CHARGES FOR THE SAME OFFENSE OVER AND OVER AGAIN,
3 CHARGES FOR WHICH I HAVE BEEN CONSERVED, A CONSERVATORSHIP
4 WHICH THE COURT'S MINUTES SAY WILL TERMINATE IN A YEAR. THIS
5 CONSERVATORSHIP WILL TERMINATE ON 8/28/08, READ THE MINUTES AT
6 CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT'S PUBLIC DOCKET ON 8/29/07. SO FAR,
7 EVEN IF I HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG THAT YEAR, MY
8 CONSERVATORSHIP HAS ALWAYS BEEN REAPPOINTED BEFORE THE YEAR
9 ENDS, PROVING THAT MENTAL HEALTH COURT VIOLATES MY FIFTH
10 AMENDMENT RIGHT PROTECTING ME AGAINST DOUBLE JEOPARDY. PLEASE
11 SEE ARROWS ON PUBLIC DOCKET INCLUDED WITH THIS LETTER. THE
12 ARROWS POINT TO THE CASE NUMBER AND THE LINE CLAIMING THE
13 CONSERVATORSHIP WILL TERMINATE. THE ARROWS ARE USEFUL FOR
14 SPEED READING. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. ANTHONY
17 HAYES: HOW ARE YOU DOING? MY NAME IS ANTHONY HAYES, JR. AND I
18 JUST WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU A LOT OF THINGS THAT I'VE LISTENED
19 TO A LOT OF PEOPLE TALK. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS NEVER
20 BEEN PROSECUTED FOR SLAVERY. AND THIS IS WHY YOU HAVE THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ONLY GIVING PEOPLE \$200. IT'S A
22 POVERTY LAW. WE'RE COMMITTING CRIMES HERE. KEEPING PEOPLE POOR
23 IS A CRIME. I'VE BEEN DENIED FOR FOOD STAMPS THREE TIMES. THEY
24 SAY YOU'RE GETTING S.S.P. I SAID WELL, THE AMOUNT IS LIKE \$1.
25 YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME JUST BECAUSE I GET \$1 ON MY S.S.I. OR

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1 S.S.P., I DON'T QUALIFY FOR FOOD STAMPS? I'VE BEEN DENIED
2 THREE TIMES. I FILED A CLAIM. Y'ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE CLAIMS.
3 I FILED A CLAIM. THAT WAS DENIED. COMMITTED A CRIME. I CAN
4 CHARGE YOU WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER. I HAVE TO TAKE MY MEDS. IT
5 TAKES FOOD, YOU KNOW. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU FILE A CLAIM TO GET
6 SOME FOOD STAMPS, IT SHOULDN'T BE DENIED. THE U.S. CURRENCY
7 BELONGS TO THE NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE BLACK AFRICAN-
8 AMERICANS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE U.S.
9 CURRENCY BELONGS TO THE NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE BLACK
10 AFRICAN-AMERICANS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND
11 I SHOULDN'T BE DENIED FOOD STAMPS. BUT IT HAPPENED. I GOT BEAT
12 UP BY SOME BAD COPS, SHOT UP BY BAD COPS. AND I SHOWED
13 LEADERSHIP BY MOVING ALL THE WAY TO ATLANTA. I SHOWED
14 LEADERSHIP BY PUTTING BARACK OBAMA IN OFFICE IN 2008. COME
15 BACK TO L.A., AND I GET PUNISHED BY TWO JUDGES. AND I HAVE TO
16 FILE A CIVIL LAWSUIT. THE ATTORNEYS NEVER CAME TO COURT. YOUR
17 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WON'T PAY BACK MY SOCIAL SECURITY
18 MONEY. SO I ASKED FOR FOOD STAMPS. THAT WAS DENIED. YOU'RE
19 COMMITTING A CRIME HERE.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TWO

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** TWO MINUTES. OKAY, I'LL HAVE TO SPEED READ. FIRST OF
3 ALL, I HAVE SOME COMMENDATIONS. ONE IS FOR SHEILA KUEHL AND
4 THE FUNDING THAT THEY'VE PROVIDED FOR THE JAZZ AT L.A.C.M.A.
5 I'M A JAZZ MUSICIAN MYSELF. THEY'RE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB
6 OVER THERE. THANK YOU. THE OTHER ONE IS FOR JANICE HAHN AND
7 ALL THE ASSISTANTS THAT'S BEEN PROVIDED FROM HER OFFICE AND
8 ESPECIALLY FOR THE FACT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SHUT DOWN TWIN
9 TOWERS. BECAUSE OF THAT, I WISH I COULD GIVE YOU A BIG HUG.
10 TWIN TOWERS IS MESSED UP BECAUSE IT'S BEING RUN BY DIRTY
11 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. YOU NEED TO GET THEM OUT OF TWIN TOWERS.
12 YOU NEED TO GET THEM OUT OF THE COURTS. YOU EVEN NEEDED TO GET
13 THEM OUT OF HERE. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONTRACT WITH MY LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, L.A. BAM. THE OTHER ISSUE IS I'M
15 BROKENHEARTED, THOUGH. I'M VERY WORRIED ABOUT JANICE HAHN
16 BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN LYING TO ME THROUGH YOUR OFFICE, OR YOUR
17 OFFICE IS LYING TO ME, ABOUT THE SITUATION WITH MY PROBATE
18 CASE. YOU NEED TO AND YOU CAN CALL THE L.A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY
19 JACKIE LACEY DOWN HERE TO DEMAND WHY SHE HAS NOT FILED
20 CRIMINAL CHARGES IN MY PROBATE CASE. AND YOU COULD ALSO FILE A
21 LAWSUIT AGAINST HER. I'M WORKING ON A LAWSUIT ALSO MYSELF. I
22 JUST NEED SOME GUIDANCE FROM ATTORNEYS AND MAYBE COUNTY
23 COUNSEL. BUT AGAIN, WHAT'S GOING ON THERE IS STILL CORRUPT ALL
24 THIS TIME. IT'S RUNNING WAY OUT OF CONTROL PARTLY BECAUSE OF
25 THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS THERE WILL NOT EVEN TAKE A POLICE REPORT,

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1 WILL NOT ACCEPT MY CITIZEN'S ARREST. IT'S TOTALLY RIDICULOUS.

2 AND I'M JUST ABOUT OUT OF TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING LANCASTER? ARE YOU

5 SURE? OKAY. LANCASTER. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

6

7 **ROBERT GREEN:** OKAY. THIS IS ROBERT GREEN FROM LANCASTER,

8 CALIFORNIA SPEAKING WITH YOU TODAY. AND I HAD A LITTLE

9 ACCIDENT UP THERE WITH THE DISTRICT BECAUSE THE WATER RAN INTO

10 SOME PEOPLE'S HOUSE ON IDEAL STREET ON JANUARY THE 16TH WHEN

11 IT REALLY POURED HARD RAIN. AND THE ROADS WERE NOT GRADED

12 RIGHT BECAUSE THE GUY THE GENERAL MANAGER HIRES IS JESSE KERR

13 CAN'T KNOW HOW TO RUN A TRACTOR, KNOW HOW TO GRADE THE ANGLES

14 ON THE ROAD AND STUFF. AND ON FEBRUARY 24TH, I WENT TO THE

15 MEETING. AND THEY SAYS I'M NOT ON THE BOARD NO MORE. BUT I

16 TALKED TO MR. DON GARCIA DOWN IN L.A. THERE AND TALKED TO HIM,

17 AND HE SAYS DON'T SIGN THAT 700 FORM. AND YOU'RE STILL ON THE

18 BOARD. AND THEY'RE NOT RECOGNIZING ME ON THE BOARD BECAUSE

19 THEY HAD A SPECIAL ELECTION ON OCTOBER THE 26TH TO TAKE ME OFF

20 THE BOARD BECAUSE THEY VOTED ME OFF. AND THEN ON DECEMBER THE

21 11TH, 2018, THEY VOTED THIS BONNIE. AND SHE NEVER RAN FOR THE

22 OFFICE. AND THEY APPOINTED HER. AND THEN HER LAST NAME IS

23 SPELLED P-O-L-A, BONNIE. AND THEY SAID SHE REPLACED YOU. AND I

24 WOULDN'T LEAVE. AND THEY CALLED THE SHERIFF, HAD THE SHERIFF

25 COME OUT AND ASK ME TO LEAVE. BUT AFTER FIRST, HE TOLD THEM TO

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1 MARK ME AS THERE, PRESENT ON THE BOARD. AND THAT BOARD NEEDS
2 TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT AND OVERHAULED. AND IT'S ACCORDING TO
3 SENATE BILL 998 CHAPTER 891. AND IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO TURN
4 WATER OFF TO ELDERLY PEOPLE. AND THIS IS GOING TO HAVE TO GO
5 TO COURT OR SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE DONE BECAUSE THIS
6 IS -- I STILL HAVE NO WATER AFTER SIX MONTHS. AND HE PUT A
7 PENNY CHARGE AGAINST ME, AND I WENT AND STRAIGHTENED THAT OUT
8 AND GOT THAT DONE. THANK YOU. BYE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BYE. OKAY. JAMES, WELCOME.

11

12 **JAMES ESSEX:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. 550 MILLION TONS OF PLASTIC
13 ARE GENERATED EVERY YEAR. ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF IT IS NOT
14 RECYCLED. PLASTIC DOESN'T DEGRADE INTO THE BIOSPHERE. PLASTIC
15 WILL LAST FOREVER. BUT THE THING IS THAT IF PLASTIC WERE MADE
16 OF PLANT SOURCES, IT WOULD BE GONE. IT'S KIND OF LIKE PLANTS
17 ARE THE SOLUTION TO THAT PROBLEM, AND THEY'RE ALSO THE
18 SOLUTION TO THE C.O.2 PROBLEM BECAUSE PLANTS BREATHE C.O.2 AND
19 GIVE US OXYGEN. TODAY, I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT'S
20 REALLY CLOSE TO MY HEART. 50 YEARS AGO, I SAVED A DOLPHIN'S
21 LIFE IN SANTA MONICA. I WROTE A THOUSAND WORDS ON IT LIKE I DO
22 ON EVERY ANIMAL EXPERIENCE THAT I HAVE. I BELIEVE IN TRUE
23 STORIES BECAUSE THEY LIVE. THERE'S A DOLPHIN IN THE PROMENADE
24 IN SANTA MONICA, A BRONZE DOLPHIN. I WAS THERE ON SATURDAY.
25 AND THAT DOLPHIN WAS COVERED WITH THREE CHILDREN. AND THOSE

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1 CHILDREN WERE HUGGING THAT DOLPHIN AND KISSING THAT DOLPHIN.
2 AND THEY JUST LOVED THAT DOLPHIN TO PIECES. NOW, WOMEN ARE
3 DEFINITELY SECOND CLASS IN THIS PLANET AND THIS WORLD HERE.
4 AND THE OCEAN IS A WOMAN. WATER IS THE FEMININE PRINCIPLE. I
5 THINK THAT IF YOU CAN HAVE AN EARTH DAY, AS THE EARTH IS MADE
6 OF ROCK AND FIRE, AND THAT'S THE MALE PART, AND THE WORLD IS
7 WATER, IF WE COULD HAVE AN EARTH MONTH FROM 22 MARCH TO 22
8 APRIL, THEN WE WOULD HAVE MORE EXACT PROPORTION ABOUT WHAT WE
9 REALLY OWE AND WHO WE OWE IT TO. ANYWAY, I LEFT YOU SOME
10 SCROLLS. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR PUBLIC
13 COMMENT. AND AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
14 ADJOURNMENTS. WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE FIFTH DISTRICT.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
17 DO SO IN MEMORY OF MARJORIE AGAJANIAN, A RESIDENT OF PASADENA
18 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. MARJORIE, AS SHE
19 WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN -- OR MARGIE, AS SHE WAS
20 AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN, WAS A FIRST GENERATION ARMENIAN-AMERICAN
21 WHOSE FATHER SURVIVED THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE. SHE WAS MARRIED
22 FOR 41 YEARS TO HER HUSBAND GEORGE. AND AFTER HIS PASSING, SHE
23 TOOK OVER THEIR FAMILY BUSINESS, AGGIE CAL. MARGIE WAS A WOMAN
24 OF FAITH AND WAS CARING AND GENEROUS TO OTHERS. MARGIE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HER FOUR DAUGHTERS, A BROTHER, 10 GRANDCHILDREN,

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1 16 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO JANICE EMILY HILL MIX, A LONG
2 TIME RESIDENT OF CLAREMONT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85.
3 AN ELEMENTARY TEACHER FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS, SHE WAS A FORCE
4 FOR LIGHT AND LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM. BELOVED BY HER
5 STUDENTS, SHE BELIEVED THAT BY DOING YOUR VERY BEST, EVERY
6 CHILD WOULD REACH THEIR POTENTIAL AND FIND FULFILLMENT IN
7 LIFE. HER COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION CONTINUED IN RETIREMENT WITH
8 DELTA NU, DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, AND THROUGH TUTORING PROGRAMS
9 WITH CLAREMONT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS WHERE SHE VOLUNTEERED
10 WELL INTO HER 80S. JANICE IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS, WATER III,
11 JOHN, AND DAVID, AND HER GRANDCHILDREN, KATHOLEEN, JANICE,
12 JACQUELINE, TOMMY, ALEX, GABBY, BEN, ELLA AND WESTON. ALSO
13 CLIFFORD MOULTON, AN ANTELOPE VALLEY NATIVE WHO PASSED AWAY AT
14 THE AGE OF 88. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH
15 SCHOOL AND ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE BEFORE ENTERING THE UNITED
16 STATES AIR FORCE IN 1950. HE SERVED FOR 21 YEARS, PRIMARILY IN
17 THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND. AFTER THE AIR FORCE, HE WORKED FOR
18 STERK REALTY, MOJAVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND AS A N.A.S.A.
19 CONTRACTOR. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN SEVERAL CHURCHES AND
20 WAS A VOLUNTEER AT HOFFMAN HOSPICE. CLIFFORD IS SURVIVED HIS
21 WIFE OF 67 YEARS, BARBARA, SONS, STEPHEN, DONALD, GLEN, AND
22 THEIR WIVES, GAYLE, KAREN, AND LISA, HIS DAUGHTER, JUDY, AND
23 HER HUSBAND, RON, 10 GRANDCHILDREN, AND NINE GREAT
24 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO KAY RUNNER, A 60-YEAR RESIDENT OF
25 LANCASTER WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE MARRIED GEORGE

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1 RUNNER, SR. IN 1951, AND THEY MOVED TO LANCASTER IN 1955. SHE
2 WAS A WOMAN OF STRONG FAITH WITH DEEP COMMITMENT TO CHURCH AND
3 FAMILY AND WAS REGULARLY INVOLVED IN THE MINISTRIES OF GRACE
4 CHAPEL. KAY AND GEORGE WERE PASSIONATE GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEERS
5 IN THE BEGINNING OF THE FORMATION OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
6 REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY. THEY ORGANIZED MANY CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES
7 AND OPERATIONS OF HEADQUARTERS. KAY IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS,
8 RETIRED STATE SENATOR GEORGE RUNNER, JR. AND STEVE, THEIR
9 WIVES, PAM AND SHELLEY, HER DAUGHTERS, GINNY AND SUSIE, AND
10 THEIR HUSBANDS, JOHN AND DOUG, 10 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 15 GREAT
11 GRANDCHILDREN. AND LAST -- OKAY, ALL MEMBERS. LAST BUT
12 CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, OTTO F. STRASSBERGER, A RESIDENT OF
13 GLENDALE WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. OTTO
14 GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A., AFTER WHICH HE SERVED IN THE UNITED
15 STATES ARMY AS AN INTERPRETER DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF
16 GERMANY. AFTER LEAVING THE ARMY, HE SETTLED IN LOS ANGELES. HE
17 ATTAINED A TEACHING CREDENTIAL AND TAUGHT AT THE LOS ANGELES
18 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE WAS REMEMBERED BY HIS FAMILY AS A
19 NURTURING FAMILY MAN AND BY THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS HE TAUGHT
20 WHILE AT L.A.U.S.D. OTTO IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 62 YEARS,
21 RUTH, TWO DAUGHTERS, THREE GRANDCHILDREN, AND HIS SISTER.
22 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. SO WITH THAT, WE'LL GO TO
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. TODAY I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
2 OF MARIO MURALLES. MARIO OSWALDO MURALLES WAS BORN ON MAY
3 29TH, 1966, IN GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA. HE PASSED DUE TO
4 HEALTH COMPLICATIONS ON JANUARY 25TH, 2019 AT THE AGE OF 52.
5 IN PURSUIT OF A BETTER LIFE, MR. MURALLES'S PARENTS EMIGRATED
6 TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE WAS NINE YEARS OLD. HE ATTENDED
7 LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE MET HIS FUTURE WIFE, JULIA.
8 MR. MURALLES WENT ON TO ATTEND C.S.U. NORTHRIDGE, OBTAINED HIS
9 DEGREE IN CHICANO STUDIES. IT WAS HERE THAT MR. MURALLES FOUND
10 HIS PASSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM IN THE LATINO
11 COMMUNITY. AS DIRECTOR FOR THE NATURALIZATION SERVICES FOR
12 N.A.L.E.O., HE ORGANIZED CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT
13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND OTHER CITIES LIKE HOUSTON AND MIAMI.
14 MR. MURALLES STARTED HIS CAREER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 WORKFORCE, AGING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IN 2000. IN 2005, HE
16 WAS PROMOTED TO COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR AND SERVED IN THAT
17 CAPACITY UNTIL HIS PASSING. MR. MURALLES MAINTAINED HIS
18 COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AND WORKED ON EVENTS SUCH AS THE
19 CITIZENSHIP ASSISTANCE CAMPAIGN AND THE PUBLIC CHARGE
20 CAMPAIGN. HE WAS THE LEAD ON IMMIGRATION PROJECTS AND TRAVELED
21 TO COMMUNITY CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE
22 INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED. MR. MURALLES WAS
23 BELOVED BY HIS FRIENDS, FAMILY, COLLEAGUES. AND HE WILL BE
24 TRULY MISSED. MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
25 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALAN KRUEGER. IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART

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1 THAT TODAY WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. HE WAS A FORMER
2 COLLEAGUE. I SERVED WITH ALAN KRUEGER WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED BY
3 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO BE THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF
4 ECONOMIC ADVISERS. HE ALSO SERVED UNDER PRESIDENT CLINTON AS
5 HIS CHIEF ECONOMIST. MR. KRUEGER WAS -- DIDN'T EVEN REACH THE
6 AGE OF 60. BUT HE WAS A FOND RESEARCHER AND ECONOMIST. DID A
7 LOT OF WORK AROUND THE MINIMUM WAGE AND U.I. BENEFITS. HE
8 PUBLISHED A PAPER IN 1993 THAT CHALLENGED THE THEORY THAT AN
9 INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE WOULD DECREASE JOBS. HIS STUDY FOUND
10 THAT AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE DIDN'T DECREASE JOBS AT
11 ALL, SOMETHING THAT WE ALL KNOW. MR. KRUEGER TAUGHT AT
12 PRINCETON UNIVERSITY FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS AND WAS A HIGHLY
13 DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR IN HIS FIELD. HIS WORK LED TO THE WAY
14 FOR DATA-BASED ECONOMICS, A FIELD WHICH WAS LARGELY DRIVEN BY
15 THEORY PRIOR TO KRUEGER'S EMPIRICAL WORK. HE SAW ECONOMICS AS
16 A WAY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OTHERS, AND HIS WORK PROVED
17 THAT. MR. KRUEGER IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LISA, TWO CHILDREN,
18 AND A HOST OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES WHO WILL MISS
19 HIM DEARLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN
24 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EARNESTINE
25 BRIMBERRY, BORN JUNE 26TH, 1957 IN DREW, MISSISSIPPI AND

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1 PASSED AWAY ON MARCH THE THIRD IN LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF
2 61. SHE GRADUATED FROM WILLIAM BEAUMONT HIGH IN ST. LOUIS,
3 MISSOURI. MS. BRIMBERRY WAS EMPLOYED AT SOUTHWESTERN BELL, THE
4 MISSISSIPPI RIVER CORPORATION, AND THE HEAD START ORGANIZATION
5 UNTIL SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1994. IN LOS ANGELES,
6 SHE FOUND EMPLOYMENT AS A RUNNER AT THE WARNER BROTHERS STUDIO
7 AND EVENTUALLY ROSE TO THE POSITION OF REPRODUCTION
8 SUPERVISOR. AFTER LEAVING WARNER BROTHERS, MS. BRIMBERRY WAS
9 EMPLOYED AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND
10 TAX COLLECTOR AS A CLERK AND LATER AS A TAX SERVICE SUPERVISOR
11 WHERE SHE SUPERVISED THE PUBLIC SERVICE CALL CENTER. MS.
12 BRIMBERRY AND HER HUSBAND RODNEY WERE THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS
13 OF THE BRIMBERRY BARBERSHOP IN LEIMERT PARK. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE
14 MEMBER OF THE WEST ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST AND SERVED
15 ON SEVERAL CHURCH COMMITTEES SUCH AS THE OVERCOMER'S SUNDAY
16 SCHOOL, THE PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM, AND THE SPECIAL DAY HOSTESS
17 TEAM. MS. BRIMBERRY WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER DECORATING
18 STYLE, HER SENSE OF FASHION, AND POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON LIFE. SHE
19 IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS, CINAI AND TIERRA, FOUR SONS,
20 BRIAN, HASSAN, JASON, AND MICHAEL, TWO BROTHERS, DAVY AND
21 LUTHER, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, THE ENTIRE WEST ANGELES CHURCH
22 FAMILY, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR COLLEAGUES, EXTENDED
23 FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS EARNESTINE
24 BRIMBERRY. ADDITIONALLY, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE
25 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VICTOR

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1 MCELHANEY, A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
2 WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED ON MARCH 10 AT THE AGE OF 21. HIS
3 PASSION FOR MUSIC WAS EVIDENT FROM THE AGE OF 11 DURING HIS
4 PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL OAKLAND DRUM CIRCLES. MR. MCELHANEY
5 STUDIED MUSIC AT THE OAKLAND PUBLIC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND
6 PLAYED WITH THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS YOUTH ENSEMBLE. HE ATTENDED
7 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EAST BAY IN HAYWARD BEFORE
8 TRANSFERRING TO U.S.C.'S THORNTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC TO STUDY
9 JAZZ. HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE U.S.C.'S CENTER FOR BLACK
10 CULTURE INSTITUTE AND AFFAIRS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
11 BRILLIANT MUSICIAN, A MENTOR, AND ADVOCATE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
12 AND GUN CONTROL ACTIVIST. AND HE STOOD UP FOR THE EQUITY AND
13 EQUALITY OF WOMEN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, THE HONORABLE
14 OAKLAND CITY COUNCILWOMAN, LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY, HIS
15 FATHER, CLARENCE MCELHANEY, AND EXTENDED FAMILY, AND FRIENDS,
16 ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS THIS BRIGHT STAR WHO LEFT US SO SOON AND
17 SO TRAGICALLY.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE. SUPERVISOR
20 KUEHL.

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
23 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JIM CHUD, H.I.V. AND
24 DISABILITY ACTIVIST WHO DIED ON MARCH 4TH. HE WAS ONE OF THE
25 LONGEST ENDURING SURVIVORS OF H.I.V. AND A RELENTLESS ADVOCATE

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1 FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. HE
2 WORKED ON H.I.V. ISSUES WITH L.A. COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF
3 HEALTH SERVICES, SERVED ON THE COUNTY'S COMMISSION OF H.I.V.,
4 AND ON THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S DISABILITIES ADVISORY
5 BOARD, AND ON THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL A.I.D.S. HOUSING
6 COALITION. IN 2016, HE WAS NOMINATED FOR THE CITY OF WEST
7 HOLLYWOOD'S RAINBOW KEY AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE QUEER
8 COMMUNITY. HE WAS A FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR TO HUFFINGTON POST,
9 WRITING ABOUT H.I.V. AND THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. HE WAS
10 INSPIRED TO ESTABLISH ADVANCEABILITIES, A NONPROFIT SERVING
11 DISABLED SENIORS, AFTER JOINT DAMAGE FROM AN EARLY CLINICAL
12 TRIAL LEFT HIM WITH LIFELONG MOBILITY ISSUES. HE'S SURVIVED BY
13 HIS BROTHER, LARRY, AND HIS LONG TIME CARETAKER, MARY. AND,
14 MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT THAT WE MAY NOT
15 HAVE GOTTEN TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE IN TIME. BUT CHARACTER
16 ACTOR RICHARD ERDMAN DIED JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. AND HE
17 PERFORMED FOR OVER 70 YEARS IN FILM AND TELEVISION. HE
18 APPEARED IN SHOWS INCLUDING "PERRY MASON," "MURDER SHE WROTE,"
19 "THE TAB HUNTER SHOW," AND THE "TWILIGHT ZONE" EPISODE, ONE OF
20 THE MOST POPULAR, CALLED "A KIND OF STOPWATCH." HE WAS
21 ACCLAIMED FOR HIS PERFORMANCES AS A TROUBLED VETERAN IN "CRY
22 DANGER" WITH DICK POWELL AND RHONDA FLEMING, AND AS THE
23 HUMORLESS BARRACKS CHIEF "STALAG 17" WITH BILL HOLDEN. HE ALSO
24 PERFORMED ON RADIO PROGRAMS WITH ORSON WELLS, WITH JACK BENNY,
25 AND LED THE THEATER TROUPE CALLED STAGE SOCIETY. RECENTLY, HE

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1 APPEARED IN "COMMUNITY" AS LEONARD RODRIGUEZ, AN ELDERLY
2 STUDENT WHO ANTAGONIZED THE SHOW'S MAIN CHARACTERS. HE LOST
3 HIMSELF IN SO MANY OF THESE PARTS AND WAS ALWAYS THE GUY WHO
4 DIDN'T GET THE GIRL. ALTHOUGH HE DID SAY THAT THERE WERE A
5 COUPLE OF MOVIES THAT HE ACTUALLY TOOK THE PARTS IN IN UTAH
6 BECAUSE THE MOVIES PRODUCED IN UTAH ALLOWED HIM TO BE A
7 LEADING MAN AND GET THE GIRL, BUT NONE OF THOSE THAT HE DID IN
8 HOLLYWOOD. STILL, HE WAS QUITE AN ACCLAIMED CHARACTER ACTOR,
9 AND HE WILL BE MISSED. RICHARD ERDMAN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
12 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MATT VECERE, WHO WAS 43.
13 AND HE PERISHED IN THE PLANE CRASH IN ETHIOPIA. HE MOVED TO
14 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO LONG BEACH IS WHERE HE WAS LIVING. AND
15 HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO ACTIVISM AND HELPING PEOPLE. IN 2010,
16 AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI, MATT WAS THERE AS PART OF
17 HELPING RESIDENTS RECOVER AND REBUILD. HE ROUTINELY MADE MANY
18 TRIPS BACK TO HAITI, CONTINUING THE WORK THAT HE HAD STARTED
19 THERE SO MANY YEARS AGO. WHEN THE RECENT FIRES BROKE OUT IN
20 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, MATT FLEW OUT TO HELP PEOPLE IN SHELTERS.
21 MATT WAS TRAVELING TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE FOR I.Q. AIR
22 WHEN THE PLANE CRASHED. HE STARTED WORKING AT I.Q. AIR TWO
23 YEARS AGO AS A WRITER AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST BECAUSE HE
24 BELIEVED IN THEIR MISSION TO HELP PROVIDE BETTER AIR QUALITY
25 TO THOSE IN NEED. THEY PROVIDE AIR MONITORING AND AIR FILTERS.

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1 MATT IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, DONNA, AND HIS SISTER. MAY HE
2 REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
3 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SANDRA SEVILLE-JONES, WHO PASSED AWAY
4 AT THE AGE OF 58. SHE WAS A CORPORATE LAWYER AT MUNGER TOLLES
5 AND LATER BACK AS A CO-MANAGING PARTNER FOR THE FIRM. SANDRA
6 ADVOCATED FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL INDUSTRY
7 AND SPOKE FREQUENTLY AT CONFERENCES FOCUSED ON WOMEN IN LAW
8 SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON LEGAL
9 DIVERSITY AND CHAMPIONING BENEFITS TO SUPPORT WORKING PARENTS.
10 SANDRA WAS A TIRELESS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER WHO SERVED AS A
11 MEMBER OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE
12 PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION. SHE SERVED ON
13 VARIOUS CAPACITIES ON THE HOMETOWN FAIR BOARD AND PLAYED AN
14 IMPORTANT ROLE IN LEADERSHIP MANHATTAN BEACH. I ALSO MOVE THAT
15 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LUDI JALOS,
16 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 52. HE WAS BORN IN THE
17 PHILIPPINES AND WAS THE SECOND OF FOUR CHILDREN. HE ATTENDED
18 HIGH SCHOOL AT AN AMERICAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL IN MONROVIA,
19 LIBERIA. IN JUNE, 1988, LUDI, ALONG WITH HIS FATHER, SISTER,
20 AND ONE OF THESE TWO BROTHERS, MOVED TO CALIFORNIA TO HARBOR
21 CITY. LUDI IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS, ESPERANZA AND
22 RIZALINO, AND BROTHER, ARNOLD. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER,
23 CAROL, HIS BROTHER, FERNANDO, HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, GRACE,
24 PARTNER, CLAYTON, TWO NIECES AND THREE NEPHEWS. THOSE ARE ALL
25 I HAVE. AND WE'LL TAKE ALL THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IS THERE

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1 AN OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE? SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE
2 THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. MADAM EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
6 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
7 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, DEPARTMENT
8 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH
9 LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR MARCH 19, 2019

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5 CS-1. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
6 (Government Code Section 54957)

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8 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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10 **No reportable action was taken.**
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13 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
14 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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16 Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief
17 Executive Officer, and designated staff

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19 Unrepresented employees (all). (13-4431)

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21 **No reportable action was taken.**
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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors March 19, 2019,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 28th day of March 2019, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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